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Germany's Thomas Mueller, left, Bastian Schweinsteiger, right, and Philipp Lahm (16) embrace after the World Cup final soccer match between Germany and Argentina at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 13, 2014. Germany won the match 1-0



No Iran breakthrough with Kerry in Vienna

BRADLEY KLAPPER GEORGE JAHN Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Joint efforts by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and three other Western foreign ministers fully mended ties.

Separately, Kerry spoke by telephone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the escalating Mideast violence. Like the others, he also met with Ira-

cuts; Iran wants to greatly expand enrichment.

"There is a huge gap" over enrichment, said Hague, in comments echoed by the other foreign ministers. Steinmeier and French Forso we need to see if we can make some progress," Kerry told reporters before a meeting with European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is convening the talks.

"It is vital to make certain that Iran is not going to develop nuclear weapons, that their program is peaceful. That's what we are here trying to achieve." French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said "positions are still far apart," and the ministers had come to "try to narrow differences." Steinmeier said he and other Western foreign ministers had made clear in meetings with Iranian officials that "the ball is Iran's court."

"It is now time for Iran to decide whether they want cooperation with the world community or stay in isolation," he told reporters.

The show of Western unity notwithstanding, Kerry's presence was most important. With the most significant disputes between Washington and Tehran, his visit gave him a chance to discuss them directly with Zarif.

Lower-ranking officials represented both Russia and China, possibly reflecting their view even before Sunday that talks past July 20 are unavoidable.

But Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi suggested any extension would be relatively short, saying "there is not much willingness" by either side to go a full six months. \square



Secretary of State John Kerry walks to a news conference in Vienna, Austria, July 13, 2014. As Kerry and his Iranian counterpart try to rescue the nuclear talks, they are struggling to accommodate members of Congress and Iran's military and religious leaders.

(Jim Bourg/Pool via The New York Times)

failed Sunday to advance faltering nuclear talks with Iran, with the target date for a deal only a week away.

"There has been no breakthrough today," said British Foreign Secretary William Hague after meetings with Kerry and the foreign ministers of France, Germany

The trip gave Kerry a chance to ease an espionage dispute with Germany. After meeting with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, both stressed the importance of their cooperation in solving global crises, yet offered little indication they have

nian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

"We're working, we're working, we just got here," said Kerry, chiding reporters asking about progress as Sunday's meetings wound down.

But the dispute over Iran's enrichment program appeared to be defying the Western foreign ministers' combined diplomatic mus-

Tehran says it needs to expand enrichment to make reactor fuel but the U.S. fears Tehran could steer the activity toward manufacturing the core of nuclear missiles. The U.S. wants deep enrichment eign Minister Laurent Fabius left Sunday, a few hours after they arrived.

Kerry und Hague stayed on for another day of diplomacy. Still, the dispute and other differences strongly indicated that six world powers and Tehran will need to continue negotiations until July 20 and could decide to extend their talks past that informal deadline for a deal. Such an agreement would buy time to negotiate a pact limiting the scope of such programs in exchange for a full end to nuclear-related sanctions against Tehran.

"Obviously we have some very significant gaps still,

US, Germany vow cooperation amid espionage quarrel

BRADLEY KLAPPER Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — The United States and Germany put a brave face on an escalating espionage dispute, stressing on Sunday the importance of their cooperation to solving several alobal crises but offerina little indication they've fully mended ties.

After a meeting on the sidelines of nuclear talks in Vienna,

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry each extolled the value of the two NATO allies' work together on issues such as Iran and Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Steinmeier directly addressed the difficult time in the key trans-Atlantic partnership, without explicitly mentioning the reports of two German government officials recruited by American intelligence. The accounts have rocked relations, coming on the heels of revelations about widespread U.S. spying in Germany.

"Relations between Germany and the U.S. are necessary and indispensable, and that's for both of our sides," Steinmeier told reporters in German. Still, he acknowledged the recent "difficulties" and urged that relations "revive on the basis of trust and mutual respect."

Kerry said their discussions touched on Iran,

Iraq and violence in the Middle East, where Steinmeier is going Monday.

"The relationship between the United States and Germany is a strategic one and enormous political operation," Kerry said.

"We are great friends. And we will continue to work together in the kind of spirit we exhibited today."

Kerry, mustering up his best German, then offered Germany "good luck" in Sunday's World Cup soccer final against Argentina. But he made no mention, even indirectly,

of the two countries' espionage troubles.

4 minor injuries at Spain's running of the bulls

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — land — identified only by this year's San Fermin fesseveral thousand daredevils that tested their bravery and speed by running beside six fighting bulls were gored in one of the most crowded gatherings at this year's festivities.

A 28-year-old woman from Portadown in Northern Ire-

In the seventh bull run at her initials, "K.M." — and a Spanish man were hospitaltival in Spain, four people ized with "head trauma," sustained injuries along while a 38-year-old Span-Pamplona's narrow streets ish man was receiving back to the late 16th cen- The nine-day festival be-Sunday. But none of the medical attention for rib tury. The last of eight con- came world-famous after injuries and a 30-year-old man from southeastern Albacete had abdominal bruising, the regional government of Navarra said in a statement.

There were dangerous moments when one bull tossed two runners, but it narrowly missed them with the points of its horns.

The fiesta is held annually to honor this northern city's patron saint and dates secutive running of the bulls takes place Monday, after which fervent aficionados of the "encierros" — as the runs are called in Spanish — begin an impatient countdown for next year's events.

Pamplona's San Fermin and Australia.

feast blends adrenaline with all-night partying, and 15 people have died from gorings since record-keeping began in 1924.

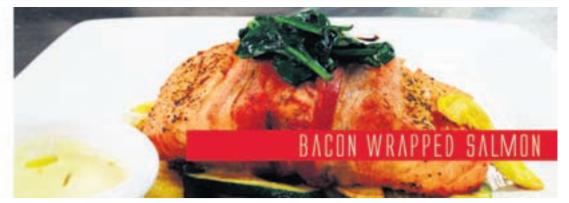
author Ernest Hemingway used it as a backdrop in his 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises."

Most of the tens of thousands of tourists attracted to Pamplona each year come from the U.S., Britain









Obama may hold fix to flood of immigrant kids

ALICIA A. CALDWELL Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama can take action to relieve much of the crisis caused by tens of thousands of unaccompanied children crossing the southern U.S. border without waiting for what is likely to be a contentious and lengthy Congressional battle, say two key lawmakers, one a Democrat and the other, a Republi-

At issue is a provision in a 2008 human trafficking law that puts the fate of young immigrants from countries that don't border the United States in the hands of immigration judges. The Obama administration has expressed some interest in asking Congress to change the law to give the administration more leeway in dealing with the crisis. It can take years for cases to make their way through immigration courts.

But Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that wholesale changes by Congress may not be necessary and that Obama has the authority to return the children to their native countries. Since October, more than 57,000 children, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, have crossed the Mexican border without their parents.

Obama "has tools in his toolbox" to solve quickly what most officials say has children from coming to Resettlement. the U.S., Rogers said.

to start. So he needs to re-caught in South Texas.

engage, get folks who are doing administrative work on the border. They need to make sure they send a very clear signal."

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the author of the provision in the human trafficking law, said a change in regulations, not the law, could speed the children's return.

The law already allows the departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services to write regulations to deal with "exceptional circumstances" that would allow officials to return the children more quickly to their home countries, Feinstein said.

"I would urge HHS and DHS to sit down and set the exceptional circumstances — it may be the number of children coming through in a week or a month, however you see it — and how the process might be modified to give you more time," she said Thursday during a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on a \$3.7 billion emergency budget request from the White House to deal with the growing crisis on the border.

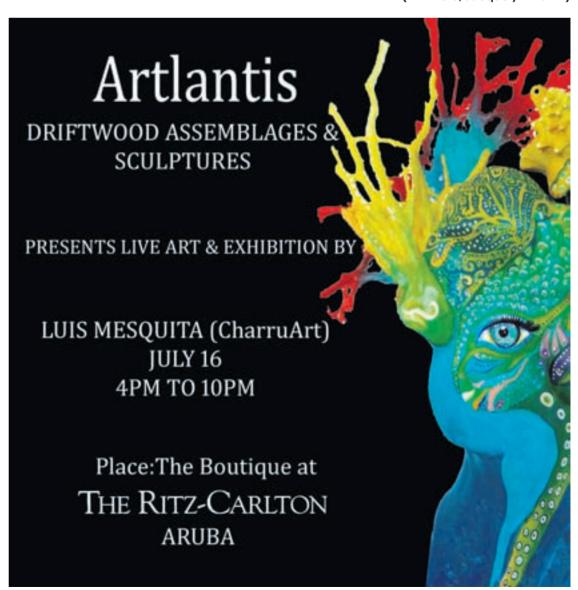
Feinstein, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, did not elaborate on what changes to the current system she believed the law already allows the president to make. Under the current law, the Homeland Security Department has 72 hours to transfer child immigrants traveling alone to the Health and become a humanitarian Human Services Departcrisis and to deter more ment's Office of Refugee

Amid the crush of children "We can safely get them traveling alone, more than home," Rogers said on 39,000 other people trav-NBC television's "Meet the eling with their families, Press." He said, "And that's mostly mothers and young where the president needs children, have also been



President Barack Obama pauses while speaking about the economy at Cheesman Park in Den-

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)







Jersey City:

Officer fatally shot while responding to robbery report



Officials investigate a Jersey City Police Department cruiser at the scene where an officer was shot and killed while responding to a call at a 24-hour pharmacy, Sunday, July 13, 2014, in Jersey City, N.J. Officer Melvin Santiago was shot in the head while still in his police vehicle as he and his partner responded to an armed robbery call at about 4.a.m., Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop said in a statement. Fulop said officers responding to the robbery call shot and killed the man who shot Santiago. He was not immediately identified.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)



BENJAMIN MUELLER EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS © 2014 New York Times

JERSEY CITY, N.J. - A Jersey City police officer was killed Sunday morning after he responded to a report of an armed robbery at a Walgreens store, the authorities said.

The officer, Melvin Santiago, 23, was shot in the head after he was confronted outside the store by the gunman, who had waited for the police to arrive, the city's mayor, Steven M. Fulop, said. The gunman, who was identified as Lawrence Campbell, 27, told a witness outside the store to watch the news later because he was going to be famous, the mayor said at a news conference Sunday morning.

The gunman shot Santiago at close range as the officer opened the door to a marked police car to leave the vehicle, and he then fired three more times at the windshield of a second police car, the authorities said.

Campbell, who was a suspect in another Jersey City homicide, was shot and killed by officers at the scene who returned fire, the mayor said.

Santiago, who had been on the force only since December, was pronounced dead a short time later at Jersey City Medical Center.

Santiago and a colleague were the first to respond to a report of an armed robbery at the store about 4 a.m., the mayor said. An armed security guard at the Walgreens store said Campbell, who had a knife, had assaulted him and taken his weapon, which was believed to have been used in the shooting of the

officer

Shortly before the assault on the security guard, Campbell had entered the store and asked the guard for help in buying a greeting card, the authorities said. But the suspect did not attempt to rob the store and instead waited outside for the police, who were responding to a 911 report of a robbery.

"It is a tragic situation when any officer is killed in the line of duty," the mayor said. "Melvin was an officer who represented everything one would want to see in a police officer. I know the entire city's thoughts and prayers are with the Santiago family during this difficult time, and we mourn together."

Campbell was one of three suspects in a previous killing in Jersey City that remained under investigation, the mayor said. The police had been aggressively searching for the suspects in that homicide, including another man, Wilson, in the last few days. The mayor's office released a photo of Wilson on Sunday and said they were still searching for him. Santiago was the first Jersey City police officer killed in the line of duty since Detective Marc DiNardo died in July 2009 after a shootout at an apartment in which several other officers were injured.

Santiago, who entered the Police Academy in July, was eager to serve in the city's west district, the mayor said at the news conference. He was so serious about his young career, Fulop said, that an officer who took Santiago out for pizza recently joked with him that he needed to smile a bit more.



Liberal US senator hits road for Democrats

STEVE LeBLANC Associated Press CAMBRIDGE, Massachu**setts (AP)** — Sen. Elizabeth Warren is quickly becomMcConnell.

Warren said the Kentucky race is about a man who stood up and blocked the student loan bill.



U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., left, and Kentucky Democratic Senatorial candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes wave to supporters at a rally in Louisville, Ky. Warren is quickly becoming a top Democrat fund-raising and campaigning powerhouse.

(AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

ing a top Democratic fundraiser and campaign powerhouse, hitting the road on behalf of candidates in key races the party will need to win to retain control of the U.S. Senate in November.

Since March, the Massachusetts Democrat, a leader of the party's liberal wing, has stumped for candidates in Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon, Kentucky and Washington state and has trips planned this week to West Virginia and Michi-

It's a hefty schedule for a freshman senator who not long ago was teaching law at Harvard but now holds the late Sen.

Edward Kennedy's seat.

Along the way, Warren has found her brand of economic populism resonating far from her home in the liberal enclave of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Part of Warren's economic pitch is legislation she sponsored that would let college graduates refinance their student loans at lower interest rates, an effort blocked by Senate It's really all about Senate Republicans.

Warren found a receptive crowd during a recent campaign stop at the University of Louisville with Alison Lundergan Grimes, the Kentucky secretary of state hoping to unseat Senate Republican Leader Mitch

"When you've got a choice between billionaires and students, Mitch McConnell says it is more important to protect the billionaires," Warren told the crowd. Senate Republicans blocked Warren's student bill last month on a 56-38 vote that fell short of the 60 needed to advance the proposal to a debate. The bill would have paid for the lower interest rates by phasing in a new minimum tax on millionaires.

McConnell's campaign spokeswoman Allison Moore was quick to highlight Warren's awkward fit in coal country, noting that she supports the federal government's efforts to restrict carbon dioxide emissions, restrictions many in Kentucky oppose.

McConnell had criticized Warren's bill when it came up for a vote, saying it won't make college more affordable or reduce the amount of money students will have to borrow.

"The Senate Democrats' bill isn't really about students at all.

Democrats," he said. "They want an issue to campaign on to save their own hides this November."

Cast by critics as a typical Northeast liberal, Warren, 65, arew up in Oklahoma in a family which she said lived on "the ragged edge experience that she said helped forge a lifelong interest in advocating for working families trying to get a fair deal in an economic and political system that Warren argues is rigged against them.

Warren found herself thrust into the national political spotlight during a grueling 2012 campaign against incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown, who won a special election in 2010 after Kennedy died.

It was the most expensive campaign in Massachusetts history with both candidates raking in tens of millions in donations.

Warren's profile has made her a go-to campaigner for Democratic Senate candidates, in part because as

of the middle class" — an a newer arrival on the political stage she is free of some of the political albatrosses carried by other top Democrats like President Barack Obama or former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

> In March, Warren attended a fundraising reception and dinner in Cleveland for Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown. Days later she attended a student rally and fundraiser for Minnesota Sen. Al Franken in Minneapolis.

> Next were fundraisers in May for Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley and Sen. Patty Murray of Washington state.

> Now, Warren is continuing her fundraising efforts, with a planned Monday event with West Virginia Democratic Senate hopeful Natalie Tennant.







High Stakes:

US railroad safety rules shaped behind-the-scenes

JOAN LOWY Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A string of fiery train derailments across the U.S. has triggered a high-stakes but behind-the-scenes campaign to shape how the government responds to calls for tighter safety rules. Billions of dollars are riding on how these rules are written, and lobbyists from the railroads, tank car manufacturers and the oil, ethanol and chemical industries have met 13 times since March with officials at the White House and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Their universal message: Don't make us pay for increased safety because that's another industry's problem.

The pitches illustrate why government officials, who must show that safety benefits outweigh the economic costs of rules, often struggle for years, only to produce watered-down regulations.

The Association of Ameri-

can Railroads, for example, is pushing for tougher safety standards for tank cars than the current, voluntary standards agreed to by industry in 2011. Railroads, though, typically don't own or lease tank cars and so wouldn't have to buy new cars or retrofit existing ones. The oil and ethanol industries that own the cars want to stick with the voluntary standards, also known as "1232" tank cars. The railroads argue that better tank cars are needed because the kind of crude oil being produced in the oil boom Bakken region of North Dakota and Montana and in some other parts of the country is more likely to ignite if a tank car is punctured or ruptured in an accident. They want regulators to require that cars for crude have a thicker shell, an outer layer to protect from heat exposure, an outer "jacket" on top of that, and a better venting valve, among other changes.

Since 2008, there have

railments in the U.S. and Canada in which crude oil has spilled from ruptured tank cars, often resulting in huge fireballs. A year ago

been 10 significant de- ent from other light, sweet crude oils and doesn't need special containers. The institute wants the government to adopt what are now the voluntary stan-

By the end of next year, about 60 percent of the oil industry's 74,000 tank cars will be 1232s, each bought with the expectation that they would be in use for



This July 6, 2013 file photo shows smoke rising from railway cars carrying crude oil after derailing in downtown Lac Megantic, Quebec. A string of flery train derailments across the country has triggered a high-stakes and behind-the-scenes campaign to shape how the government responds to calls for tighter safety rules.

(AP Photo/Paul Chiasson)

this month, a runaway train with 72 tank cars of crude en route from the Bakken to a refinery in Canada hurtled into the Quebec town of Lac-Megantic, exploded and killed 47 people.

The American Petroleum Institute, however, says Bakken crude is no differ-

dards even though "1232" tank cars have ruptured in several accidents.

"We have billions invested in tank cars," said Bob Greco, a senior official with the American Petroleum Institute. "Every day new, modern 1232 tank cars are coming into service."

decades, he said.

The ethanol industry faces a similar quandary. It would cost about \$3 billion to retrofit or replace the industry's 30,000 tank cars to make them tougher, said Bob Dinneen, head of the Renewable Fuels Association.

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California:

Truckers at 2 ports OK cooling off period

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Truck The drivers agreed to redrivers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach agreed this weekend to a cooling-off period following five days of striking that briefly shut the massive ports. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he requested the coolingoff period, and the truckers agreed Saturday to pull down pickets while the city's harbor commission investigates their allegations of poor working conditions and unfair labor practices. "The city will facilitate a dialogue among the parties in the weeks ahead," he said in a statement.

sume work Monday after three trucking companies said they would accept all drivers back to work without retaliation and without being forced to sign away all future rights in new truck leases, said Barb Maynard, a spokeswoman for a campaign to organize truckers. On Monday, 120 drivers began striking against Green Fleet Systems, Total Transportation Services Inc. and Pacific 9 Transportation Inc. They said the companies have prevented them from unionizing and improperly classified them as contractors — rather than full-time

employees — to minimize wages and benefits. They say that their paychecks often register below minimum wage once the cost of renting and maintaining a truck is factored in, and they have filed lawsuits and complaints with state and federal labor agencies to change their status.

The companies counter that pay is good and those picketing do not represent the majority of drivers.

Cargo moved normally, but on Tuesday nearly 1,000 dockworkers at four of the ports' 14 terminals left their posts in solidarity with the truckers.



Hedging their bets in New Jersey:

Owners of Trump Plaza casino expect it will close

WAYNE PARRY Associated Press ATLANTIC CITY, New Jer-

sey (AP) — Atlantic City's crumbling casino market disintegrated even further Saturday as the owners of the Trump Plaza casino said they expect to shut it down in mid-September.

Trump Entertainment Resorts told The Associated Press that no final decision has been made on the Boardwalk casino. But the company said it expects the casino to close its doors Sept. 16.

Notices warning employees of the expected closing will go out to the casino's 1,000-plus employees Monday.

If Trump Plaza closes, Atlantic City could lose a third of its casinos and a quarter of its casino workforce in less than nine months. The Atlantic Club closed in January, the Showboat is closing next month and Revel might do likewise if a buyer can't be found in bankruptcy court.

The head of Atlantic City's main casino workers' union demanded state lawmakers help head off what he called a "pending catastrophe" that will affect the state's tourism industry and tax collections.

Trump Entertainment Resorts told the AP that its managers and board of directors "have been reviewing alternatives for the property. Although this review has not been completed and no final decision has been made, the company expects that it will terminate the operations of Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino on or shortly after September 16, 2014." A source with direct knowledge of the situation who was not authorized to speak to the media told sure the survival of others. the AP that the company On Jan. 1, Atlantic City had has hired a search firm to solicit buyers for Trump Pla-September, it could have za, an effort that remains eight. ongoing. So far, no buyer The Atlantic Club closure has emerged.

closed.

Bob McDevitt, president of local 54 of the Unite-HERE union, said 7,000 casino workers — or about one in four - have been warned their jobs could disappear within 60 days.

"While this is a personal tragedy for every family involved, it is also a crisis for the state," he said. "We expect Trenton to react with more than just sympathetic sound bites; we demand action equal to the magnitude of this pending catastrophe."

Trump Plaza, which cost \$210 million to build, opened in May 1984 as one of Donald Trump's pet projects. The real estate mogul has since limited his dealings in Atlantic City to a 10 percent stake in Trump Entertainment Resorts.

"I let them use my name, but I have nothing to do with it," Trump told the AP on Saturday. "Atlantic City has suffered for years. Many mistakes were made by government, tremendous mistakes, including no reinvestment in town; they would take casino revenue and put it in places that had nothing to do with Atlantic City. I got out seven years ago; my timing was tremendous."

New Jersey in recent years has required casino development taxes to be used only in Atlantic City.

The news is the latest in a cascade of setbacks for Atlantic City's gambling market, which until just a few years ago was the second-largest in the U.S. after Nevada; Pennsylvania has now taken over that spot. Analysts have long said that the casino market here, and in the Northeastern U.S., has been oversaturated, and that some casinos need to close to en-

12 casinos. By the end of

cost 1,600 workers their The company did not indijobs. An additional 2,100 cate what might become at Showboat will be unof the building after it is employed as of Aug. 31, in addition to the 1,009 Trump



The Trump Plaza Hotel Casino is seen in Atlantic City, N.J. The owners of the Trump Plaza casino in Atlantic City say they expect to shut it down in mid-September. Trump Entertainment Resorts tells The Associated Press on Saturday, July 12, 2014, that no final decision has been made yet on the boardwalk casino. But the company says it expects the casino to close its doors Sept. 16. Notices warning employees of the expected closing will go out to the casinos 1,000-plus employees Monday. If Trump Plaza closes, Atlantic City could lose a third of its casinos and a quarter of its casino workforce in less than nine months.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

Plaza workers on the payroll. Revel has 3,100 workers who could lose their jobs if the 2-year-old casino resort is not sold.

Trump Entertainment Resorts has tried for years to

sell Trump Plaza, the poorest performing casino in Atlantic City. A deal to sell it last year for \$20 million to a California firm fell through. It won less than \$73 million from gamblers in all of last

year, ranking last out of the 12 casinos that operated then. So far this year it has taken in nearly \$21 million, down almost 27 percent from the same period last vear.□





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American Living:

Workers struggle in Hamptons, playground for rich

FRANK ELTMAN Associated Press SOUTHAMPTON, New York (AP) — This is a town where people are so rich that a \$2 million home can be badly in need of renovation. A town where the thrift shop is stocked with donations of designer dresses and hand-

bags.

But Southampton, with its privet hedges, pristine beaches and some estates costing tens of millions, also is where 40 percent of children get free or reduced school lunches, where a food pantry serves up to 400 clients a month and where some doctors and nurses share homes owned by the local hospital because they can't afford to buy or rent.

Studies show the wealth gap separating the rich from everyone else is widening, and few places in the country illustrate that as starkly as Long Island's Hamptons — America's summer playground for the haves and have-mores, where even middle-class workers struggle with the high cost of living.

"We have a tremendous amount of millionaires who live 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the food pantry, and they really have no idea that there's a need in this community," said Mary Ann Tupper, who retired last month after 21 years as the executive director of Human Resources of the Hamptons, a charity that assists 6,000 people annually through its food pantry and other services for the working poor.

"In the summer they're stretching east along 40

working and everything is pretty good, but come the winter, all the nannies, the gardeners, the pool people, all those people are out of work, and then there's no money," Tupper said. "The income disparity is tremendous."

miles (65 kilometers) of the Atlantic Ocean that collectively are known as the Hamptons. Census figures showed a 2010 population of 57,000 and a median income of \$78,815.

But statistics in the Hamptons are an elusive notion, Howard Stern, among other members of high society in New York and elsewhere. Many of those who work in the Hamptons — painters, landscapers teachers, even journalists — live west of the region in suburban Long Island and commute

has worked for two decades. His 30-mile (50-kilometer) commute sometimes takes up to three hours round-trip.

Kimberly Piazza is a secretary in her husband's sod business and lives in the North Sea community in Southampton town. several miles north of the oceanfront estates. Coming out of the local general store, she said local milk prices are as high as \$5.99 a gallon and eggs sell for up to \$4 a dozen — nearly double what those staples cost elsewhere on Long Island. Gasoline prices are 50 cents to a dollar more a gallon at most stations in the Hamptons.

"The image is that we're all pretty much rich, hoitytoity, well-to-do people," she said. "And while you do have some of those people, a majority of us are still working class."

At Southampton Hospital the region's primary medical facility that has 25,000 emergency room visits annually — administrators wrestled for years with staffing shortages because qualified applicants could not afford the cost of living. The hospital has since purchased three houses nearby and allows 17 nurses to live there as part of their compensation package, said spokeswoman Marsha Kenny.

Last month, over the objection of neighbors, the town board unanimously approved a plan to build a 28unit apartment complex, in part to provide affordable housing for people who work in the area.



Gulls lift off near a beachfront home in Southampton, N.Y. Studies show the gap separating the rich from the working poor has been ever-widening in recent years and few places provide that evidence as starkly as Long Island's Hamptons.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Kerry Lewendoski, who succeeded Tupper, adds: "The people aren't just coming here to work in the summer. They live here; they have established homes and kids enrolled in the schools. Southampton is their home, and they still have trouble getting by."

Located on southeastern Long Island 80 miles (130 kilometers) from New York City, Southampton is one of several towns and villages

mertime denizens with their round-trip daily. From earmultimillion-dollar incomes ly spring to late autumn, identify themselves as resi- the one primary road in dents of New York City or and out of the Hamptons elsewhere. In the first quaris jammed most mornings ter of 2014, the average with pickup trucks and vans selling price for a home in Southampton town was \$1,845,431, though some oceanfront estates go for over \$100 million.

Celebrities spotted hanging out in the Hamptons include Christie Brinkley, Rachael Ray, Kelly Ripa and

since many of the sum- as many as three hours filled with tradespeople headed east.

> "There's tons of work out here because this is where the money is," David Hahn said while trimming 16-foot (5-meter) hedges on a 10acre (4-hectare) Southampton estate where he



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Thousands of Palestinians flee northern Gaza



Israeli soldiers, backdropped by the national flag, sit on their armored personnel carrier as they clean their weapons, at a staging area on the Israel Gaza border on Sunday, July 13, 2014. Israel briefly deployed ground troops inside the Gaza Strip for the first time early Sunday as its military warned northern Gaza residents to evacuate their homes, part of a widening offensive that has killed more than 160 Palestinians.

Associated Press GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— Thousands of Palestinian residents of the northern Gaza Strip fled their homes on Sunday and sought safety in U.N. shelters, heeding warnings from the Israeli military about impending plans to bomb the

area in the sixth day of an toll in Gaza. U.S. Secretary offensive against Hamas that has killed more than 160 people.

The fighting showed no signs of slowing, despite international calls for a cease-fire and growing concerns about the mounting civilian death

(AP Photo/Lefteris Pitarakis)

of State John Kerry spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and voiced U.S. "readiness" to help restore calm, while Egypt, a key mediator between Israel and Hamas, continued to work behind the scenes.

said it was pushing forward with preparations for a possible ground invasion of Gaza. Thousands of troops have massed along the border in recent days.

Amid the diplomacy, Israel

"We don't know when the operation will end," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Sunday. "It might take a long time." He said the military was prepared "for all possibilities."

Israel launched the offensive last Tuesday in what it said was a response to heavy rocket fire out of Hamas-controlled Gaza. The military says it has launched more than 1,300 airstrikes, while Palestinian militants have launched more than 800 rockets at Israel. The Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza says 166 people have been killed, including dozens of civilians. There have been no Israeli fatalities, though several people have been wounded, including a teenage boy who was seriously wounded by rocket shrapnel Sunday.

Early Sunday, the Israeli

air force dropped leaflets around the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahia ordering people to evacuate their homes. Israel says much of the rocket fire has come from the area, and overnight Sunday, the military carried out a brief ground operation on what it said was a rocket-launching site that could not be struck from the air. Four Israeli soldiers were lightly wounded before returning to Israeli.

The U.N. refugee agency for Palestinians, UNRWA, said some 17,000 Palestinians had headed to special shelters set up in 20 United Nations schools in Gaza.

"The fact that in a span of almost a few hours, 10,000 people sought refuge in these 15 schools is an indication to the difficult situation on the ground," said Sami Mshasha, a UNRWA spokesman.

Some raced by in pickup trucks, waving white flags. "Once we received the message, we felt scared to stay in our homes. We want to leave," said one resident, Mohammed Abu Halemah.

North Korea launches missiles in test-fire

JUNG-YOON CHOI Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) North Korea launched

two ballistic missiles into the sea on Sunday, South Korea said, the latest in a series of test-firings seen as expressions of anger over the North's failure to win talks on receiving outside aid, and over U.S.-South Korean military drills.

The missiles, believed to be of Scud variations, were fired from the North Korean city of Kaesona near the border with the South and had a range of about 500 kilometers (311 miles), said a South Korean military of-

ficial who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department rules.

North Korea experts said it was highly unusual for Pyongyang to fire missiles from a city just 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the heavily fortified border separating the two Koreas. The North rean Peninsula. " launched from its eastern port city of Wonsan, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) from the border.

"It is remarkable that missiles were fired from Kaesong, a symbol of North-South cooperation," said professor Yang Moo-jin of Seoul's University of North launches.

Korean Studies. The jointly-run Kaesong Industrial Complex brings together South Korean-owned companies with North Korean labor. "Such action can mount tensions as it suggests that these missiles ... can target the entire Ko-

usually test-fires missiles North Korea regularly conducts test-firings, but this year has seen an unusually large number of launches. South Korean officials have confirmed about 90 test-firings of missiles, artillery and rockets by the North since Feb. 21. More than 10 of them have been ballistic

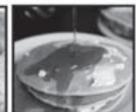




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Ukrainian forces pound rebel stronghold of Luhansk



Pro-Russian leader, former Ukrainian lawmaker Oleg Tsarev, walks accompanied by pro-Russian fighters to take part in a pro-Russian meeting in the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine Sunday, July 13, 2014. Pro-Russian insurgents last week retreated from the strategic city of Slovyansk and holed up in Donetsk, a city of one million, and potentially the final frontier for the rebels.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

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DONETSK, Ukraine - Ukrainian forces battered the outer suburbs of the rebel stronghold of Luhansk on Sunday, pushing deeper than ever into the city but falling short of retaking it.

The Ukrainian forces pounded rebel positions in an area called Yuvileiny just west of

Luhansk, a rebel spokeswoman and residents said. Some accounts said the forces had managed to establish a checkpoint there, although a Ukrainian military spokesman could not confirm that.

Some news reports said that the government forces had retaken the city, which is crucial for the survival of

the pro-Russian insurgency here in part because of its proximity to the Russian border. But residents and rebels said Sunday evening that the city was still in rebel

"So far our forces are holding them back," said a spokeswoman for the selfdeclared Luhansk People's Republic who asked not to

be identified by name for stronghold, is critical for the her safety.

Andrei Anoshin, a journalist for Realnaya Gazeta, a newspaper in Luhansk, said that the city had been shelled intensely for the past week, and that many civilians had been killed.

"Today wasn't that different from other days," Anoshin said, adding that in the city center, "it is tense, but militarily calm." The military advances came as relations between Ukraine and Russia fell to a new low. On Sunday, a Russian citizen was killed on Russian soil by what the Russian government said was an errant Ukrainian shell. Ukraine denied firing a shell into Russian territory. Russia said the episode could have "irreversible consequences."

Ukraine is trying to quell a pro-Russian insurgency that has inflamed its southeastern edge since spring. Luhansk, a region of coal mines and industry that is poorer and grittier than Donetsk, another rebel

insurgents because it shares a long border with Russia, which the West believes is quietly supporting the rebels. Ukraine has been hitting rebel positions for days and has gained considerable ground in areas south and west of the city. The Russian news agency Interfax cited an unnamed rebel in Luhansk as saying the Ukrainian forces had begun to storm the city from an area called Alexandrovka. The rebel said the attack included not only artillery fire, but also dozens of tanks and two fighter helicopters. It was impossible to verify the report. Three residents interviewed Sunday said they had seen neither tanks nor helicopters.

In Donetsk, a local emergency worker, Alexander Ryaboshapka, said seven people were killed Saturday in a rocket attack in the Petrovsky neighborhood. One of them was a young girl. The Ukrainian military denied responsibility for the attack. \square

Iraq:

Political stalemate persists as militants inch closer to Baghdad

SUADAD AL-SALHY © 2014 New York Times

BAGHDAD - As Iraq's deadlocked Parliament was again unable to reach a deal to name a new speaker Sunday, Sunni militants carried out a raid near Baghdad, the Iraqi capital attack signaling their intent city.

A severe sandstorm delayed flights, preventing uties, a Kurd and a Shiite. northern Iraq's Kurdish lawmakers from traveling to commitment by al-Jabouri Baghdad. The sand was to consider supporting

so thick at times that it was hard to see across the Tiaris River. Inside the Parliament, the atmosphere was similarly gloomy as last-minute deals between the largest Shiite bloc and the Sunnis appeared to be falling

speaker, which by custom sandy fog provided a useto move closer, even if only is occupied by a Sunni, by a few miles, toward the had been expected to go to Salim al-Jabouri, who in turn would name two dep-But it seems that a previous

Nouri al-Maliki for a third term as prime minister is beginning to fray. That, in turn, means that al-Jabouri can no longer count on the support of al-Maliki's bloc of lawmakers.

With such a hazy outlook, the inability of the Kurds to - a symbolically significant The post of Parliament make it through the brown ful excuse for the postponement of the negotiating session.

> As lawmakers took stock, militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant were already moving into Dhuluiya, a Sunni town 46

miles northeast of Baghdad. They bombed a crucial bridge over the Tigris to prevent soldiers from the nearest base from reaching the town and then easily overwhelmed the police station, killing six officers, according to a town resident and an official at the Interior Ministry, who declined to be named because he was not allowed to speak to the news me-

The militants attacked Dhuluiya around 4 a.m. and took over the police station, said a doctor in the town who would give only his surname, Issa.

"They brought a big pickup truck and loaded it with explosives and then blew apart the west side of the bridge so no support will come from Balad," he said. Then the ISIL militants withdrew from the town's center and were holding about 20 percent of Dhuluiya. Police officials suggested that the militants withdrew from the town's center because they knew that sooner or later the army would arrive and they would not be able to fight them.

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Afghans express relief at US-brokered election deal

JOHN DANISZEWSKI RAHIM FAIEZ The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Amid relief that a dangerous rift in the country's troubled democracy has been averted, Afghan officials praised a deal between contenders presidential brokered by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and said Sunday they hope to finish a full ballot audit within weeks.

Kerry unveiled the breakthrough deal Saturday night, with both hopefuls promising to abide by the results of the audit, followed by plans for the winner to form a government of national unity with participation of the losing side. The agreement followed a marathon series of shuttle meetings between the two candidates who took part in the June 14 runoff — former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf



From left, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Afghanistan's presidential candidate Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, and Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah,, hold hands during a joint press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says both of Afghanistan's presidential candidates are committed to abiding by the results of the "largest, most comprehensive audit" of the election runoff ballots possible.

Ghani Ahmadzai.

The two stood by Kerry's side when the bargain was revealed on national tele-

vision and then spoke endorsing the agreement. With many Afghans saying the deal exceeded their

market nations known as

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

expectations from Kerry's two-day mediation, the chairman of the country's Independent Election Commission told reporters

at a news conference that the commission is ready to start auditing all 8 million votes cast from 23,000 polling station within a few days and hopes to complete the process in three weeks.

Money dealers said that the value of the Afghan currency improved after the deal, and ordinary Afghan citizens in the capital and political leaders were univocal in their praise although some cautioned that it must still be implemented and that the way ahead is still difficult.

The chairman, Ahmad Yousuf Nouristani, said additional auditors would need to be trained, but the audit can begin this week in the presence of representatives from both candidates as well as national and international observers. Audits can take place around the clock, with an aim of getting through about 1,000 polling stations results per day, he said.

Putin and Argentine leader agree on nuclear power deal, other projects

JONATHAN GILBERT © 2014 New York Times

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina -President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his Argentine counterpart signed deals on nuclear energy and other projects this weekend in an effort to expand his country's influence in Latin America.

Russia will help build the third reactor of a nuclear power plant in Argentina, Putin said after meeting with the Argentine president, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, here Saturday.

Both leaders said the nuclear projects would be for peaceful purposes.

Russia also hopes to build bases in Argentina for its

satellite system and cooperate over the use of military technology, Putin said, including the use of Russian planes and helicopters in Latin American tour comes the sector of Antarctica claimed by Argentina. Russian companies may also take part in the construction of two hydroelectric plants here. On Friday, Putin brokered deals between Russian and Cuban energy companies in Havana, and waived 90 percent of Cuba's Soviet-era debt.

He is also expected to sign a nuclear agreement with Brazil, a Russian official said, and he will hold talks with President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil before a meeting next week of the emerging

the BRICS group: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The Russian leader's as the West weighs strategies to prod Moscow to defuse conflict in Ukraine after its annexation of Crimea. Kirchner has accused Western leaders of hypocrisy over Crimea: She said they refused to acknowledge the result of a referendum in Crimea, in which people voted to join Russia, but they did not complain about a similar vote held last year in which residents of a British-controlled archipelago that is claimed by Argentina chose to remain

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Indian girl's rape called case of eye-for-eye village justice

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RA. India - For many years, under a tall, spreading neem tree in the middle of this settlement, the village headman has adjudicated disputes between his neighbors, doling out tongue-lashings and occasional penalties.

This, the local police believe, is what happened here a week ago. It began with an ordinary case of bad behavior: A young man crept into a hut after dark and groped Suguna Devi, a married woman and the daughter of the village's headman, before her shouts woke the village and he fled.

The next day, villagers waited to see what punishment the headman would impose on the assailant until midafternoon, when they said they saw Devi's husband drag the young man's 13-year-old sister from her father's hut and into the woods, where he raped her. The worst thing, the girl's father said, was that no one did anything to stop it. "My wife wept, but nobody listened," said the father, Munna Pasi, 62. "My daughter said, 'Save me, save me,' but nobody listened. All these people became blind when he was dragging my daughter away." It is the latest in a series of shocking assaults that have drawn attention to remote villages in India, where police precincts are far-flung and traditional forms of justice still dominate. After a surge of news coverage of the episode, police inspectors converged on the destitute settlement of Swana Gulaulia Dhoura on Saturday.

The authorities have arrested Ghosal Pasi, 45, the village's headman, on sus-

and his son-in-law, Nakabandi Pasi, on suspicion of rape. The girl's brother, Harendra Pasi, is in custody, on suspicion of assaulting Devi. Under the neem tree, the headman's daughter lay inert on a rope cot, tears streaking her cheeks, promising that, if only her father were released, he would not mete out any more punishments. In the

picion of ordering the rape, it. But when the girl tried to seek help from people, they turned away their faces. That's the fact."

> There have been other recent examples of sexual assaults being imposed as punishment. In January, when a woman in West Bengal was found with a married man, an elected village head sent her to a hut where she was raped repeatedly, perhaps by as

Anant Das, an aid worker, was shocked that the residents "were not aware of national holidays," and that many could not identify Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister. Only in the last few years, he said, have a few televisions appeared in the village.

"Nobody knows these people," he said. "They have no education. They are not being treated as human

proached the headman, seeking some settlement. "I said, 'My son did wrong, and we are willing to take the punishment," he said. "I realized we needed to pay some fine. I said, if you want to impose a punishment, then beat him." But when the headman gave no answer, Munna Pasi said, he went to work scavenging coal.

While he was gone, the police say, the headman delivered his verdict.

"Ghosal told his son-inlaw, 'You do the same thing to his daughter that this man did to your wife,' so he grabbed her and dragged her to the jungle," said Lakshman Prasad Singh, inspector general of the Jharkhand state police. The girl's mother, Sonamani Devi, 42, said that her daughter was folding clothes inside their hut when the headman's daughter burst in and "caught hold of my daughter by grabbing her hand and hair" and then passed her to her husband, Nakabandi Pasi.

Sunita Devi, a neighbor, said she and other women heard the girl screaming but did nothing because, she explained, "We did not know he was going to rape her." She limped back to her family's hut 45 minutes later, and then set out on the hourlong walk to the nearest police station.

In interviews, the headman's relatives denied that he ordered the assault or looked on as the girl was dragged away. Gupta Kumar, 18, his son, said there was a plan to convene a council to decide on a punishment, but Harendra Pasi did not show up, and that after that the headman slept for much of the day because he had taken a medication.



Suguna Devi, a married woman and the daughter of the village's headman, lies on a rope cot in Swang Gulgulia Dhoura, India, where a 13-year-old girl was raped as punishment for her brother's alleged assault against Devi, July 12, 2014. The authorities have arrested Ghosal Pasi, the village's headman, on suspicion of ordering the rape, and his son-in-law, Nakabandi Pasi, on suspicion of rape. The girl's brother, Harendra Pasi, is in custody.

(Daniel Berehulak/The New York Times)

future, she said tonelessly, "if something will happen, people will go to the police station."

But others warned that it would be foolish to expect an end to village justice.

"There is a practice here, to sort out matters themselves," said Vinod Vishwakarma, head of an elected village council whose territory includes the hamlet. "I spoke to some women, they said if something like this will happen in our village again we will oppose

many as 15 men, the police said. And in Pakistan's Punjab province the same month, a caste council ordered the rape of a 45-year-old woman as a penalty after her brother was accused of rape.

The residents of Swang Gulgulia Dhoura, members of an untouchable caste who traditionally earned money by begging, are strikingly isolated from mainstream society. When he began pushing for the village's children to attend school,

beings."

The victim, a watchful, reed-thin girl with a long ponytail, clasped and unclasped her fingers Saturday as the adults discussed what had happened to her. On Sunday night, said Munna Pasi, her father, the girl's brother Harendra Pasi had consumed "a kind of rice beer" and crept, partly disrobed, into Suguna Devi's house, where he "tried to molest her."

First thing in the morning, Munna Pasi said, he ap-



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Goetze scores late to give Germany the World Cup

MATTIAS KAREN AP Sports Writer RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

With two quick and sublimely deft touches, Mario Goetze ended Germany's 24-year wait for another World Cup title.

Goetze scored the winning goal in extra time to give Germany a 1-0 victory over Argentina on Sunday in a tight and tense World Cup final that came down to a few moments of individual skill.

Goetze, who wasn't born when West Germany beat Argentina in the 1990 final, controlled a cross with his chest in the 113th minute and in one fluid motion volleyed the ball past goal-keeper Sergio Romero and inside the far post from five yards out.

It was a goal that gave

Germany its fourth World Cup title in its eighth final, and left Argentina star Lionel Messi still walking in the shadow of his compatriot Diego Maradona, who led his country to the 1986 title. Goetze went on as a substitute for Miroslav Klose toward the end of regulation time and the 22-year-old midfielder's fresh legs made the difference.

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The goal echoed that of Andres Iniesta's four years ago, when the midfielder scored in similar fashion but from the other side of the area to give Spain a 1-0 extra time win over the Netherlands.

"It's incredible.

The team did it beautifully," said Manuel Neuer, who was voted the tournament's best goalkeeper. "At some point we'll stop celebrating but we'll still wake up with a smile."

For Germany, the win ends a string of near misses since winning its last major title at the 1996 European Championship. The team lost the 2002 World Cup final to Brazil and lost in the semifinals in both 2006 and 2010.

Argentina had not been back in the final since that 1990 loss, and has now been beaten by Germany in the last three World Cups. "This was our chance, and we felt that way. We couldn't do it. We have to lift our head and suffer the pain," Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano said.

"Obviously, the pain is tremendous. We wanted the cup for Argentina."

It is Germany's first World Cup title as a unified nation, having won as West Germany in 1954, 1974 and 1990.

It was also the third World Cup final between these countries and had been billed as a matchup between the perfect team and the perfect individual, pitting Germany's machine-like unit against the brilliance of Messi, the fourtime world player of the year.

But in the biggest game of his career, Messi came up short.

He had one good chance to score when he was sent free in the area just after the halftime break, but sent his shot wide of the far post. It was a difficult angle, but still the type of chance he so often converts for Barcelona.

Messi threatened intermittently throughout the match, but was effectively neutralized for long stretches. When he did try to break forward with one of his quick dribbles, he was surrounded by the German defense.

His free kick in the 120th minute went well high.

When the final whistle blew, Germany players jumped on top of each other in a pile in the middle of the pitch, while Messi walked alone with his hands on his hips to ward the center circle.

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Mo Martin, with eagle on 18, wins Women's British

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer SOUTHPORT, England (AP)

— Mo Martin knew she hit her 3-wood exactly how she wanted on the 18th hole at Royal Birkdale.

With the ball slightly below her feet, just under 240 yards away and a strong wind at her back, she let it rip and watched the ball track toward the flag. Martin thought it was short. Then she thought it might be too long. Moments later, she realized just how good it was.

"I could hear it hit the pin from the fairway," Martin said. "That was a pretty fun feeling."

The ball rolled into the center of the flagstick and settled 6 feet away for an eagle, and when no one could catch her, the 31-year-old American became a major champion Sunday at the Ricoh Women's British Open.

"I think I still need to be pinched," Martin said after closing with an even-par 72 for a one-shot victory over Shanshan Feng of China and Suzann Pettersen of Norway.

It was Martin's first eagle of the year — one of the shortest hitters in the game, she doesn't get many opportunities. She had not won on the LPGA Tour in 63 previous tries. And on a wind-swept Sunday when no one broke par, she was never closer than two shots of the leaders the entire final round.

The best shot of her life changed everything.

"An absolutely perfect 3-wood," she said. "When it was in the air, I said, 'Sit.' And then I said, 'Stop.' And then when it was going toward the hole, I said, 'OK, I don't have anything more to say to that ball.' I actually heard it hit the pin. It's definitely one to remem-



Mo Martin of the US celebrates after finishing her round on the 18th green the Women's British Open golf championship at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, in Southport, England, Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Associated Press

ber."

She turned and did a little jig in the fairway.

An hour later, it turned out to be the winning shot when Feng and Inbee Park of South Korea couldn't stay under par.

Both needed one birdie over the two par-5 closing holes at Royal Birkdale. Feng missed birdie putts of 15 and 10 feet and shot 75. Park missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the 17th, and then put her tee shot in the right rough on the easy 18th hole and wound up with a bogey for a 77.

Martin, who finished at 1-under 287, was on the practice range preparing for a playoff that never happened when she hugged her caddie, Kyle Morrison.

"Is this real life?" she said. It seemed like a fairy tale for Martin. Growing up with modest means, her father built a cage in their driveway for her to practice hitting balls. She walked on at UCLA. She needed financial help to keep her dream alive, including the six years it took just to reach the LPGA Tour. Martin said she would keep trying if she woke up happy, felt she was still contributing something to women's golf and could pay her bills.

And here she is — Mighty Mo, never happier.

When she returned from the range, players gathered around her cart to celebrate with a champagne shower.

"It's still soaking in, along

with champagne in my jacket," Martin said. "This is just unbelievable. It's literally a dream come true." It was a disappointment for Park, trying to become the seventh woman to capture four of the LPGA's major. She had a two-shot lead at the turn until the high grass

grabbed the bottom of her

wedge on the 10th, send-

ing her to a double bogey. She fell out of the lead by going long on the 14th for bogey, and never caught

"Made a lot of mistakes that I really didn't need to make," Park said. "Obviously the last hole drive was really disappointing." Pettersen finished birdie-birdie that allowed her to share second place, but not enough to atone for a pair of double bogeys earlier in the round.

Martin earned \$474,575 — she had \$599,760 in career money when she arrived in England.

Americans now have won the first three majors of the LPGA Tour season for the first time since 1999, with Martin following Lexi Thompson at the Kraft Nabisco Championship and Michelle Wie at the U.S. Women's Open.

A more likely candidate to extend that streak at Royal Birkdale would have been Stacy Lewis, the defending champion, who also started only three shots behind. Lewis didn't make a birdie until the 18th hole and closed with a 78. Wie missed the cut, and Thompson finished 15 shots out of the lead.

Martin had a three-shot lead going into the weekend, building her strategy of keeping the ball in the fairway. But she had a 77 in the third round, and that figured to be the end of her chances.





Harman edges Johnson to win John Deere Classic

TIM CRONIN Associated Press

SILVIS, Illinois (AP) — Brian Harman made three straight birdies on the final five holes to hold off Zach Johnson by one stroke and win the John Deere Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title.

Harman had a 5-under 66 in the final round for a 22-under-262 total. The 27-year-old Georgian in his third full season on the PGA Tour earned \$846,000 and the last exemption for next week's British Open.

Harman withstood Johnson's challenge by making three birdies beginning at No. 14 to get to 23 under with two holes to play. Johnson, playing four pairs ahead of Harman, birdied the 17th to get within a stroke, but ran out of holes. Jhonattan Vegas had a 65 to finish tied for third with Jerry Kelly (66) at 265. Scott Brown (68) and Tim Clark (67) tied for fifth another shot back.

Three-time winner Steve Stricker fell off the pace set by Harman on the front

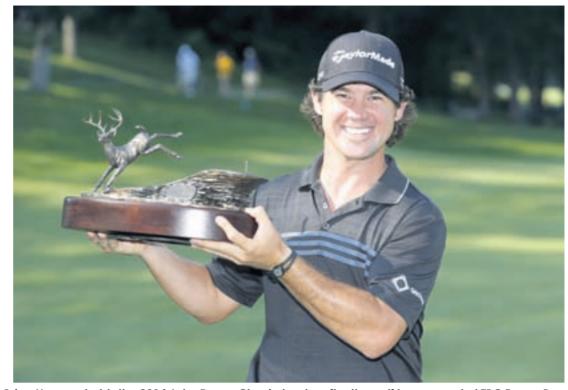
nine, then fell off the leader board with a doublebogey on the par-3 12th. His approach ended up in high brush behind and below the green, and he couldn't recover, finishing with a 72 and a tie for 11th

Brown was tied with Johnson and Clark briefly midway through the round, but played the back nine in par 36 and fell back.

Clark, the lone contender with a long putter, bogeyed No. 9 to fall out of the joint lead.

Harman, whose best previous finishes were ties for third place, also earned his first invitations to the Masters and the Tournament of Champions.

He got his third eagle in 19 holes when he eagled the par-5 second for the second straight day. He sank a 4-foot putt after a brilliant approach from 223 yards. A bogey on No. 5 was offset by a birdie on the ninth, the most difficult hole on the front nine. Harman stood 19-under at the turn, and added a birdie at No.



Brian Harman holds the 2014 John Deere Classic trophy after the golf tournament at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, III., Sunday, July 13, 2014.

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10 to go to 20 under.

Johnson started three strokes behind Harman, but caught him by the 14th hole, when he tapped in from 10 inches for his third birdie in five holes and sixth of the day.

Harman came to the drivable par-4 14th minutes

later, and after watching Stricker scramble for a par, got up and down from a greenside bunker with a 14-foot birdie putt. He added birdies on the next two holes to pull away from the

Defending champion Jordan Spieth finished in a tie for seventh after a closing 66 for 268. He was joined by Bo Van Pelt, Ryan Moore and Johnson Wagner.

Jordan Niebrugge of Mequon, Wisconsin, the only amateur to make the cut. had his third straight round in the 60s and finished at 10-under 274.

Hudson, Simon, Street, Clippard join NL All-Stars



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Hudson throws against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning of their interleague baseball game Thursday, July 10, 2014, in San Francisco.

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Francisco's Tim Hudson, Target Field as the National Braves' Julio Teheran. League changed about Hudson, a four-time All-

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — San one-third of its pitching

Cincinnati's Alfredo Si- They replace a quartet mon, San Diego's Huston of pitchers who started Street and Washington's Sunday: the Giants' Madi-Tyler Clippard have been son Bumgarner, the Reds' added to the roster for Johnny Cueto, the Padres' Tuesday's All-Star game at Tyson Ross and the Atlanta

and Simon is 12-3 with a lief appearances. 2.70 ERA.

Star, is 7-6 with a 2.87 ERA, 6-2 with a 2.03 ERA in 43 re-

"It's a give and take. Ob-Street has 24 saves and a viously, I'm honored and 1.09 ERA, and Clippard is happy in that sense," Clip-

pard said before laughing and adding, "I'd like to go get some rounds of golf in, but I'll take one for the

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World Cup

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Messi, who scored four goals in the group stage but none in the knock-out rounds, then had to trudge alone up the stairs of the Maracana Stadium to accept the Golden Ball award for the tournament's best player, shaking hands with German Chancellor Angela Merkel along the way.

Shortly afterward, the German team made its way up the stairs for captain Philipp Lahm to raise the hallowed 18-carat gold trophy as confetti rained down and fireworks exploded in the sky.

"It's incredible how hard we worked and what a performance we produced," Lahm said. "It's an incredible feeling."

Up until Goetze's winning goal, the game was more



German players celebrate with the trophy after the World Cup final soccer match between Germany and Argentina at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 13, 2014. Germany won the match 1-0.

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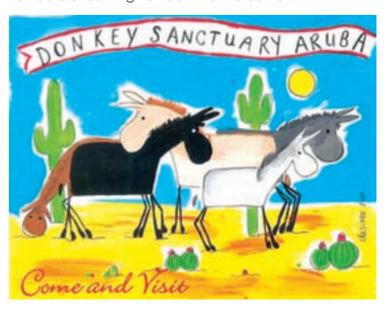


notable for top-class defending than creative attacking, but both teams had their share of chances—especially in the first half. Gonzalo Higuain was gifted a free chance when Toni Kroos' back header landed at his feet and left him all alone with Neuer. However, he sent his shot woefully wide.

Higuain thought he had scored in the 30th after Messi picked out Ezequiel Lavezzi with a great ball and he sent a cross in toward the Napoli striker. Higuain slotted his finish inside the far post and ran to the corner flag in celebration before realizing he had

been called for offside.

Shortly afterward, Germany was forced to use a substitution as Christoph Kramer had to go off with a suspected concussion after colliding with Ezequiel Garay's shoulder earlier in the game. Kramer had continued playing but looked visibly dizzy as he was led off the field. Kramer, who was a late inclusion in the lineup after Sami Khedira was injured during the warmup, was replaced by Schuerrle. Germany's best chance in regulation time came just before the halftime break when Benedikt Hoewedes hit the post with a header from a corner.







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Keselowski dominates in New Hampshire victory

By DAN GELSTON **AP Sports Writer**

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) -- Brad Keselowski hopped out of his car and grabbed an oversized broom to give a playful sweep of all the confetti already collected around his Ford.

He then truly savored his victory, snagging a New England lobster and raising it in triumph.

Keselowski survived without a cut, splinter or pinch. He didn't even fumble his championship crustacean. For once, his victory celebration was as perfect as his performance on the track.

He completed a flawless weekend at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and won Sunday under a green-white checkered finish. Keselowski followed up Saturday's Nationwide Series victory with his first Sprint Cup win at New Hampshire, dominating in the No. 2 Ford for his third victory of the season.

The 2012 Sprint Cup champion is now tied with Jimmie Johnson for the series lead in wins.

"This was just such a phenomenal weekend and these don't happen that often,'' he said.

Keselowski had been in a slump with, of all things, his Victory Lane fun.

He needed four stitches to close a wound he received during his Victory Lane celebration in the Sprint Cup race at Kentucky. He tried to open the bottle of champagne by hitting it against a podium, and the bottle broke and cut his hand.

Keselowski dropped the American flag out of his No. 22 Ford on Saturday and it was retrieved by an official to let the frivolity continue. He joked he brought Kevlar-reinforced gloves that were touted as cut-proof.

"Apparently, I've got to win more and I'll get better at it," he said.

"I think everybody got to hold the lobster. We're looking forward to eating the lobster later this week. I hear they're going to overnight the meat."

He'll get a taste of Loudon the Lobster - yes, that's its name - a 20-pounder caught off the coast of New Bedford, Massachu-

And Keselowski won driving the Redd's Apple Ford Fusion, truly making the win a Redd Lobster photo opp.



Brad Keselowski, right, gestures while celebrating with members of his team, holding a lobster, in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday, July 13, 2014, in Loudon, N.H.

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Keselowski keeps pilling up wins and has proved he may be even better than he was during '12 championship run.

"I think in a lot of ways, we're stronger than that," he said. "I don't think we've had this much speed before.''

After the last caution came with four laps left, Keselowski pulled away on the final restart to become the first driver to sweep the weekend in track history. He had the fastest car most of the weekend, even leading the speed charts during both Sprint Cup practices on Saturday.

''You can't have a great car if you don't have the best driver," team owner Roger Penske said. ''I can tell you today, there was nobody that could beat

Keselowski and Dale Earnhardt Jr. clinched spots in

the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, provided they attempt to qualify for the final seven races before the cutoff.

Pole sitter Kyle Busch was second. Kyle Larson, Matt Kenseth and Ryan Newman completed the top five.

Busch said the No. 18 Toyota never had enough to mount a serious challenge. "I don't think anybody did,'' he said.

Phelps beaten by Agnel in 100-meter freestyle

Michael Phelps was beaten Phelps' 49.42. by Yannick Agnel of France at the Bulldog Grand Slam on Sunday.

Agnel, who won two gold medals at the 2012 London Olympics and trains with Phelps at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club,

Ryan Lochte won the in the 100-meter freestyle 200 individual medley in 1:58.65.

Allison Schmitt, a six-time the women's 200 IM, Kylie Olympic medalist who won Stewart the women's 200 three golds at London, won the women's 100 freestyle with a time of 54.64. Megan Romano was second

ATHENS, Georgia (AP) — won with a time of 49.37 to in 54.93 and Amanda Weir was third in 55.17. In other events, Becca Mann won the women's 800 freestyle, Melanie Margalis took backstroke, Michael Klueh the men's 1,500 freestyle and Tyler Clary the men's 200 backstroke.



Yannick Agnel, of France, competes in the men's 200-meter freestyle on his way to winning the event at the Bulldog Grand Slam swim meet at the University of Georgia, Friday, July 11, 2014. in Athens. Ga.

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Tale of 2 Tonys at Tour de France 9th stage

JAMEY KEATEN Associated Press MULHOUSE, France (AP)

— On a day local Roman Catholics were celebrating the feast of Saint Anthony, two other Tonys had their own reason to celebrate in the Tour de France.

Germany's Tony Martin took the stage win Sunday, and France's Tony Gallopin took the yellow jersey durina an up-and-down Stage 9 in the eastern Vosges mountains.

Martin, a three-time world champion known more for time-trial dominance, showed that he could climb too; Italy's Vincenzo Nibali, who has been wearing the leader's yellow jersey, didn't lay a hard enough chase of Gallopin to keep it.

French media — delighted to see the country's first yellow jersey holder since Thomas Voeckler wore it in 2010 — reveled in the fact that Gallopin will lead France's most beloved race on the Bastille Day holiday Monday.

The 29-year-old German, meanwhile, said his stage victory might have been an "omen" for Germany's World Cup ambitions against Argentina — which it turned out to be.



Germany's Tony Martin crosses the finish line to win the ninth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 170 kilometers (105.6 miles) with start in Gerardmer and finish in Mulhouse, France, Sunday, July 13, 2014.

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Gallopin, of the Lotto Belisol team, said he'd been plotting a move for the yellow jersey since Stage 5 when he positioned himself for a challenge because Nibali was unlikely to want to hold it all the way to Paris on July 27, when the race ends.

It's a lot of pressure to try to carry the leader's shirt so long, through the Alps and Pyrenees ahead.

But Nibali knows that Gallopin is unlikely to make it up the big climbs ahead, and the Italian didn't lose any time against his biggest rivals — highest among them, two-time Tour champion Alberto Contador.

Gallopin, by finishing about 5 minutes ahead of Nibali, easily erased his deficit to the Italian and now leads him by 1:34. Portuguese rider Tiago Machado is third overall, 4:08 back.

But, like Gallopin, he is not considered a Tour contender.

"It's with great pride that I will ride on the national holiday day in the yellow jersey," said 26-year-old Gallopin, adding that he feared he may not keep it after an uphill finish at the super-steep Planche des Belles Filles on Monday. "It's a little bit scary, but I will enjoy the day."

"It was always a dream of wearing the yellow jersey," said Gallopin, who finished 2:45 back of solo breakaway leader Martin.

Contador finished safely in the main pack along with Nibali and is 4:08 back in ninth place overall.

They will resume their contest in the toughest stage so far — Monday's 161.5-kilometer (100-mile) trek from Mulhouse to the famed La Planche des Belles Filles, featuring four steep Category 1 climbs. The pack takes its first rest day on Tuesday.

"It was a tough day," Contador said, looking ahead to Monday. "We'll have to decide whether or not we try to attack or ride defensively."

The Tour paid tribute to those who died in the First World War — 1914-18 — by riding along the battlefields where millions died.

Sunday's route took the peloton past a landmark remembering the Battle du

Linge in 1915, where some 17,000 French and German soldiers fell in three ferocious months of fighting. The groves and thickets in Le Linge's mountainous pass helped mask lethal sections of barbed wire protecting tight German defensive lines.

Shortly before the day's most difficult climb — a Category 1 ascent of 10.8 kilometers (6.7 miles) up Le Markstein — Martin broke away, and Gallopin's chasing group was about two minutes behind with Nibali more than six minutes adrift.

Martin, some 18.5 minutes back, was no threat to Nibali's yellow jersey.

Nibali lost more and more ground, and urged his Astana teammates to step up the pace as they reached the last of the climbs — a short, sharp ascent up Grand Ballon.

But they left themselves with far too much to do. who narrowly Martin, beat Tour champion Chris Froome in a time trial last year, continued to surge ahead, with tail winds making for a quick descent down to the finish. The departure of Froome in Stage 5 due to injury has blown

the race wide open.

Ian Thorpe reveals he is gay in interview

SYDNEY (AP) — Five-time Olympic swimming gold medalist Ian Thorpe for the first time publicly confirmed that he is gay during a television interview on Sunday, ending years of speculation about his sexuality.

Thorpe, who had long denied that he was gay, told British talk show host Miview broadcast on Austra- tamily one day. lia's Channel 10 that he just Thorpe, 31, said being about himself.

"I'm not straight," Thorpe said. "And this is only something that very recently we're talking in the past two weeks — I've been comfortable telling the exactly that."

For years, Thorpe took great pains to hide his sexuality. In his 2012 autobiography, "This Is Me," Thorpe wrote, "For the record,

I am not gay and all of my sexual experiences have been straight. I'm attracted to women, I love chilchael Parkinson in an inter- dren, and aspire to have a

recently realized the truth asked about his sexuality by journalists when he was just a teenager forced him to adopt a defensive attitude toward the issue. He was too young to know whether he was gay or straight, and said he responded that he

closest people around me was straight to avoid teasing from classmates.

> Things spiraled from there. "I felt the lie had become so big that I didn't want

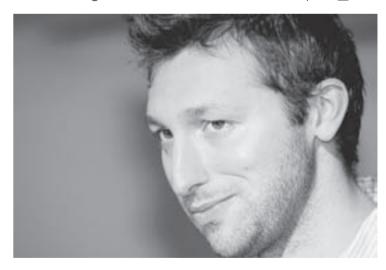
> people to question my integrity," he said. "And a little bit of ego comes into this; I didn't want people to question ... have I lied about everything?"

> Now, he says, he wishes he had come out sooner.

> "I'm comfortable saying I'm a gay man," he said.

> "And I don't want young people to feel the same way that I did. You can grow up, you can be comfortable and you can be gay."

> Part of his reluctance to



In this April 1, 2007, file photo, Ian Thorpe, of Australia, a fivetime Olympic swimming gold medalist, listens to a reporter's questions during a press conference in Melbourne, Australia. In this April 1, 2007, file photo, Ian Thorpe, of Australia, a five-time Olympic swimming gold medalist, listens to a reporter's questions during a press conference in Melbourne, Australia.

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come out, he said, was And part of me didn't fear of letting his family and his fans down.

"I wanted to make my family proud. I wanted to make my nation proud of me.

know if Australia wanted its champion to be gay," he said. "But I'm telling not only Australia, but I'm telling the world, that I am." \square LIVE PIANO, ENTERTAINMENT at 8pm Open daily at 5pm

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Drive-ins use creativity to afford digital switch

PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

SACO, Maine (AP) Many in the movie industry feared the need to convert to digital could be the death knell for drive-ins, but drive-in operators are finding creative ways to afford the switch.

Drive-in movie theater operators say more than 200 of the remaining 348 driveins in the U.S. have made the expensive conversion from film to digital, which typically costs more than \$70,000. Theater owners say conversions escalated quickly in 2013 and will help keep the drive-ins in business for now, promising news for an industry that peaked in the 1950s and '60s, then with more than 4,000 drive-in theaters nationwide.

Some drive-ins are raising money using crowd-funding platforms such as Kickstarter while others are taking advantage of financing programs or renting out their theaters as flea markets during off-hours.

Ry Russell, general manager of Saco Drive-In, launched a social-media campaign to win an \$80,000 digital projection system in a contest spon-



In this photo made Thursday, June 26, 2014, movie-goers watch How to Train Your Dragon 2, the first movie of a double feature at the Saco Drive-In in Saco, Maine.

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sored by Honda. His drivein theater in Saco, Maine, is celebrating its 75th anniversary by welcoming hundreds of cars to its giant roadside screen to watch the latest films on a new digital projection system. "We're just seeing Darwinism kind of take over," Russell said. "The ones that survive will prosper."

It's a story that's playing

out at drive-ins all over the U.S., where conversion to digital is the key to survival, said John Vincent Jr., president of the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association. Studios are phasing out 35mm film prints as Hollywood moves toward all-digital distribution. Even older movies are difficult to obtain on film because many repertory companies

have gone digital, said Vincent, noting that people in the industry expect this season to be "the last summer of film."

In Westbrook, 15 miles (24 kilometers) up the road from Saco, the owners of the 62-year-old Pride's Corner Drive In are struggling just to keep business alive — they can only show movies in 35mm film and

have raised just \$1,350 of the \$100,000 they need to convert to digital.

"When they stop making film, that's it," said Andrew Tevanian, operator of Pride's Corner. "Then you're out in the cold."

These days, moviegoers in 44 states can take in a drive-in movie from the comfort of their own vehicles, according to the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association. New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania have the most driveins, with nearly 30 each; Indiana has 20 and California, 17. Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, North Dakota and Wyoming are the only states without a drive-in.

In Rhode Island, Rustic Drive In in Smithfield sometimes welcomes 500 cars on a Saturday. It needs to because the company that owns the theater spent more than \$200,000 on three new digital projectors for its three screens. The company is taking advantage of an offer from Los Angeles-based Cinedigm Digital Cinema Corp., which arranges flexible loans and reimbursements from studios, a representative said.

San Francisco parking spot app shuts down service

TERRY COLLINS Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

mobile app allows San ney Dennis Herrera's dead- want to operate in full col- didn't cease operations by paid for the public parking spaces they exit has temporarily shut down the service following an order from the city attorney.

Despite saying last month that it wouldn't stop, MonkeyParking said in a blog

post Thursday that it "tem- email Friday that his comporarily disabled" its bidding service in San Francis- yers and he hopes to meet An Italian company whose co, a day before City Attor- with city leaders soon. "We threatening a lawsuit if they Francisco drivers to get line to cease operations or laboration with the city," July 11. face a possible lawsuit.

> "We are currently reviewing our service to clarify our value proposition and avoid any future misunderstandings," the post said. MonkeyParking CEO Paolo

pany was working with law-Dobrowolny said.

Herrera said in a statement Friday that MonkeyParking and two similar smartphone apps that exchange money for parking spaces, Sweetch and ParkModo, Dobrowolny said in an said in writing that they will

go on hiatus.

Herrera sent a letter to the parking apps on June 23

MonkeyParking allowed drivers who score a notoriously hard-to-get parking spot on San Francisco's streets to sell it for \$5, \$10, even \$20 and then wait there until the buyer arrives to take their place.

Herrera's letter was the latest as state and federal lawmakers grapple with new technologies that people can use to privately replace taxis, hotels and even restaurants. Firms in neighboring Silicon Valley often use San Francisco as a testing ground, pushing the boundaries of local authorities who don't want to quash the booming tech economy.



Street Beat:

The pendulum takes a swing toward value stocks

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In 2013, the Buffalo Emerging Opportunities fund returned a stunning 61.7 percent. Lipper, which tracks mutual funds, named it the small-capitalization growth fund over the previous three and five years, and investors stormed in. It began 2013 with just \$66 million in assets and attracted \$380 million in new money for the year.

But in the first half this year, even after a June rebound, the fund was down 6.66 percent, badly trailing the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which had total returns, with dividends, of 7.14 percent. The fund also had net outflows of \$97.6 million. The portfolio manager, John Bichelmeyer, is philosophical about the reversal.

"It's a healthy correction," he said. "Sometimes you take your lumps."

In the tug of war between growth and value investing, value has gained ground, and many arowth investors have taken their lumps, especially in smaller stocks. Growth stocks promise above-average expansion in revenue and profit; value

tively cheap as gauged by ratios like price-earnings and price-book.

stocks are deemed rela- returned 7.8 percent, ac- percent, on average, for cording to Morningstar. the first six months. But small-Large-cap growth funds cap value funds gained 4.7 had gains of 4.7 percent, percent. Mutual funds that focus on while midcap growth funds Exchange-traded



Gary Pittam performs ignition related recall service on a Chevrolet Cobalt at Al Serra Chevrolet in Grand Blanc, Mich. Matthew Kaufler, co-manager of the Federated Clover Value fund, says of value investors, "There's a contrarian streak in what we do," and believes the troubles at General Motors are creating a contrarian opportunity.

(John F. Martin/GM/The New York Times)

turned 7 percent, on average, in the first half of the year; those concentrating on midcap value stocks. June and ended up 0.9

hard this spring but recovered some momentum in that track both midcap and large-cap value stocks have done especially well this year. The midcap Guggenheim S&P 500 Pure

large-cap value stocks re- were up 4 percent. Smallcap growth funds were hit

Wild ride: Penny stock Cynk, runs into a trading halt

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To any rational investor, the stock of Cynk Technology looked like a loser. The company had no assets and no revenue. Regulatory filings listed a succession of chief executives and no other employees. The shares, which barely traded and were not listed on any exchange, were each worth less than a dime.

In June, curiously, the dormant stock came to life. It rose above \$2 and continued rising in July, reaching a high of \$21.95 in intraday trading Thursday. It closed the trading day at \$13.90, a roughly 23,000 percent increase from its price a month earlier. At its peak, the company had a market value of more than \$6

intervened.

On Friday, the Securities and Exchange Commission halted trading in Cynk Technology. The suspension, which will last through July 24, was prompted by "concerns regarding the accuracy and adequacy of information in the marketplace and potentially manipulative transactions in CYNK's common stock," the agency said.

The SEC added that, once the suspension ends, traders are not allowed to buy or sell the stock unless they are certain they are complying with the relevant securities rules.

Wall Street's self-regulator, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, halted trading on Friday as well. It remains a mystery why

That was when regulators the stock price took off over the last few weeks. The blog Zero Hedge wrote about the price movement in a post Wednesday, and the ensuing media attention probably helped propel the stock higher Thurs-

Penny stocks like Cynk that trade in the so-called overthe-counter markets are especially vulnerable to manipulation, given their small size and relative lack of visibility. Over the last year, a couple of penny stocks with similar names to companies in the news experienced price surges, possibly because of mistaken identity.

Cynk appears to run a social networking website, IntroBiz. The site says it lets people pay for social introductions to celebrities, business owners and information technology workers. But there appears to be little or no activity on the site. The company is incorporated in Nevada and has its headquarters in Belize, according to regulatory filings. Its chief executive was listed in April as Marlon Sanchez. But the leadership recently changed again, according to a letter in June from Cynk's lawyer that was posted on a website for investors in over-thecounter markets.

Javier Romero, an individual in Belize City, is now the sole officer of the corporation, the letter said. He bought 210 million shares of the company in February. At Thursday's closing price before the halt, those

shares were worth about

\$2.9 billion.

Value ETF and the Power-Shares Fundamental Pure Mid-Value ETF were each up roughly 10 percent through June. The PowerShares Dynamic Large-Cap Value ETF returned just under 8 percent.

Brian Belski, chief strategist at BMO Capital Markets, said the run on value stocks was not likely to end soon, in part because he expected the economy to improve and to bolster corporate earnings. "When corporate earnings growth is expanding, it's positive for value," he said.

BMO screens for value stocks using several criteria. It seeks companies that haven't had an earnings loss in the previous two years and those that have less debt than equity and have price-earnings and price-book ratios lower than those of the overall Standard & Poor's 500-stock index. Among large-cap stocks that clear these screens are Norfolk Southern, UnitedHealth Group, Target and Principal Financial Group. Belski specifically cites the financial sector as having "a lot of long-term value."

Value investors often pride themselves on the ability to overlook bad news that may prompt others to overreact. When Wall Street downgrades a stock, "that for us is an invitation to opportunity," said Matthew P. Kaufler, co-manager of the Federated Clover Value fund. Senior management changes and corporate restructuring often lower share prices, which may create a buying opportunity, he said. "There's a contrarian streak in what we do."

The troubles at General Motors are creating a contrarian opportunity, he said. GM has recalled millions of vehicles for an ignition switch problem that the automaker has linked to at least 13 deaths. "The recall issue is very well publicized, very real," he said.

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Seeking revival, Cadillac looks for a chief outside

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Even as General Motors has rebounded from its bankruptcy in 2009, its Cadillac division has been a work in progress with the introduction of new models during a rotating cast of executives.

But this weekend, GM made what is perhaps its strongest move yet to bring stability to its luxury division, hiring Johan de Nysschen from Nissan's Infiniti to lead Cadillac in an increasingly crowded luxury car market.

Before joining Nissan in 2012, de Nysschen built his reputation at the German automaker Volkswagen, where he played a key role in transforming its Audi brand from an also-ran in the United States into a true competitor with BMW and Mercedes-Benz. GM has long harbored similar ambitions for Cadillac.

By taking the unusual step of hiring an executive from outside the company, GM is hoping de Nysschen can bring some of his Audi magic to Cadillac.

"His track record proves he is the perfect executive to lead Cadillac for the long term," said GM's president, Dan Ammann.

But in recent years there has been nothing long-term about Cadillac's executive suite, where top officials have come and gone while the division has sought to revamp its offerings and burnish an image tarnished by decades of neglect starting in the mid-1970s.

Its most recent top executive, Robert Ferguson, shifted responsibilities within GM recently and is now overseeing lobbying efforts in Washington, a role he previously held before taking over Cadillac two years ago. De Nysschen, 54, inherits a division that has stumbled in the first half of the year, with sales down nearly 2 percent in the United States compared with the same period a vear earlier, during a suraing luxury car market.

Dunleavey Column:

Women to Wall Street: Are You Listening?

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Imagine that you work for a financial company. You've plowed through stacks of research showing that women - who are increasingly educated and affluent - could be a big source of revenue for you. Now what?

Do you paint the reception area a nice shade of coral? Put handbag hooks on the bathroom doors? Provide sensitivity training to your staff?

If you're thinking that it can't be that hard to bring female customers in the door, let me bring you up to speed: Women control trillions of dollars of wealth in the United States, yet as clients, they pose a challenge to Wall Street's traditional way of doing business.

Every year at its national conference, for example, TD Ameritrade offers a seminar for advisers on working with women as clients, "and it's always jam-packed," said Kate Healy, managing director of marketing for TD Ameritrade Institutional.

This session is attended mostly by men, "and they're struggling," she said. Some are thrown by women's high question-asking quotient, she said; many male advisers wonder whether they should just stay out of the way and have women deal with women.

Jane Newton, a partner at RegentAtlantic Capital in Morristown, New Jersey, put it this way, "Women don't need different products or services." Mutual funds and exchange-traded funds that work for men ought to be fine for women, too. The problem is something else, she says. "Advisers need a different way of communicating with women."

Companies know this, yet there's a frustrating lack of agreement about how to go about it. Companies like Merrill Lynch and Vanguard lean toward what I'll call a more gender-agnostic approach, focusing more on a client's individual situation. TD Ameritrade,

Ameriprise, Barclays and Pax World Investments are among those that seem to be trying to embrace a financial style that is more overtly friendly to women. (Pax has announced an index fund made up of companies with a commitment to women's leadership.)

Consider the first group. As Vanguard learned through

Vanguard learned through a two-year study, many women prefer advisers to focus on life goals and women. But the overarching message to advisers is to focus on the individual sitting across from them. As Liersch put it: "Let's forget about gender differences. Men and women aren't all that different at the end of the day."

I get that. It's good client relations to consider each person's needs. But many women are struggling to feel in control of their finances, given certain hurcial Advice to Couples" (McGraw-Hill), to create a training manual for advisers. The guide suggests ways that advisers can adjust their desk-side manner - for example, by making steady eye contact, encouraging questions and trying to take in the personal details that women bring to financial discussions.

I'm sympathetic to this approach. Money itself may be gender-neutral - we all



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(Julia Yellow/The New York Times)

not just on mutual funds and other investments. But many men like that personalized touch, too, said Catherine Gordon, a principal in Vanguard's investment strategy group. Rather than focus on gender, she said, "we've found it's better to understand the particular investor."

Likewise at Merrill Lynch, there's a conviction that gender "can be a distraction in financial planning," said Michael Liersch, head of behavioral finance at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. To that end, the company is training advisers to use a proprietary tool called the Investor Personality Assessment to give advisers a more objective way to evaluate each client's goals. Vanguard and Merrill Lynch have seminars and other programs for

dles of their own. (Knowledge gaps plus anxiety equals shame.) Seventyseven percent of women want to be involved in dayto-day investment decisions, a Merrill Lynch study found last fall, yet 72 percent say they "know less than the average investor" about investing in general. Even the companies that take more specific approaches to women are still trying different strategies. In 2012, Pax World Investments announced a Women and Wealth program for advisers that helps them assess their businesses in terms of how well they're reaching and keeping women as clients.

The same year at TD Ameritrade, the company hired Kathleen Burns Kingsbury, a psychologist and the author of "How to Give Finan-

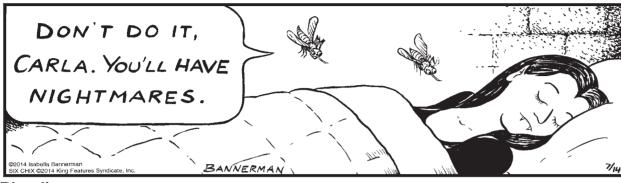
swipe our credit cards the same way. But women often handle their finances in a way that's remarkably different from men's. We like to test the waters, gather opinions and (alas, poor Wall Street) discuss our feelings, lives and goals with our advisers. A great deal of research supports that conclusion, and a new study, "Harnessing the Power of the Purse," offers perhaps the strongest evidence to date that many women may have a distinct female financial style. So what approach is best for women - and how can Wall Street accelerate its efforts to adjust to their needs? Finance has a long and hidebound history, and it may well be necessary to take a traditional approach to get the ball rolling faster.

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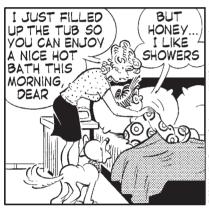
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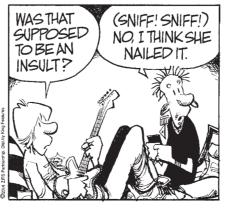




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Value stocks Continued from page 24

Yet he is optimistic about the stock.

Often, no bright line separates growth and value stocks. "There are quite a few value stocks that have underappreciated growth potential," said Brian Jacobsen, chief portfolio strateaist at Wells Farao Fund Management. "There are also growth stocks trading at a significant discount to intrinsic value." Such "mispricing" creates buying opportunities, he said.

He cited the energy sector, which typically falls under the value umbrella. Many oil and gas drillers, using fracking technologies, have strong growth potential, and the market has rewarded them

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with premium prices, making them growth stocks. But Jacobsen said some service and engineering companies that support the shale drillers were still selling as cheaply priced value stocks.

He also said he thought worries over Chinese economic growth had excessively punished some Asian companies. He cited South Korean semiconductor companies as growth stocks that had been marked down and were "very attractive."

James T. Swanson, chief investment strategist at MFS Investment Management, said "spectacular" profit margins had allowed many large caps to grow without taking on debt. This, too, has enhanced the value appeal of some growth stocks.

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Space station shipment launched from Virginia

Aerospace Writer Marcia Dunn

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — A commercial cargo ship rocketed toward the International Space Station on Sunday, carrying food, science samples and new odor-resistant gym clothes for the resident crew.

Orbital Sciences Corp. launched its Cygnus capsule from the Virginia coast, its third space station delivery for NASA.

"It's like Christmas in July," said Frank Culbertson, an executive vice president at Orbital Sciences and former astronaut.

Daylight and clouds limited visibility, but observers from North Carolina to New Jersey still had a shot at seeing the rising Antares rocket. It resembled a bright light in the early afternoon sky.

Its destination, the space station, was soaring 260 (418 miles kilometers) above Australia when the Cygnus took flight.

The unmanned capsule should arrive there Wednesday.

This newest Cygnus contains more than 3,000 pounds (1,360 kilograms) of supplies, much of it food. Also on board: minisatellites, science samples, equipment and experimental exercise clothes. NASA said the new type of clothing is resistant to bacteria and odor buildup. So the astronauts won't smell as much during their two hours of daily workout in orbit and they'll require fewer clothing changes.

NASA is paying for the delivery service. The space agency hired two companies — the Virginia-based



The Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket launches with the Cygnus spacecraft onboard, Sunday, July 13, 2014, at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. **Associated Press**

Orbital Sciences and California's SpaceX — to keep the space station well stocked once the shuttle program ended. The international partners also make shipments; the European Space Agency, for example, will launch its final supply ship in 1½ weeks from French Guiana.

This particular Cygnus delivery was delayed a few months by various problems, including additional engine inspections and, most recently, bad weather at the Wallops Island launch site. The delays added to the tension for NASA's human exploration chief, Bill Gerstenmaier. He

said he breathed a sigh of relief at liftoff given all the critical equipment on board, not to mention all the meals.

The Cygnus will remain at the space station for about

trash and cut loose for a fiery re-entry. Unlike the SpaceX Dragon capsule, the Cygnus is not built to return safely to Earth.

Saturday, meanwhile, marked the 5,000th day of a month. It will be filled with continuous human habita-

tion at the 260-mile-high outpost. Six men currently are on board, representing the United States, Russia and Germany.

"Humans are explorers!" German astronaut Alexander Gerst said via Twitter.

USGS: 7 small earthquakes shake central Oklahoma

GUTHRIE, Oklahoma (AP) —

The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded seven small earthquakes shaking central Oklahoma in a span of just about 14 hours.

They ranged from magnitude 2.6 to 2.9 and were centered in the Guthrie, Jones and Langston areas, 15 miles to 30 miles (24 to in the area. said the quakes were re-Saturday and 9:51 a.m. Sunday. No injuries or damage were reported.

Those follow four other quakes, including a 4.3-magnitude temblor near Langston recorded

shortly after noon Saturday. The other Saturday morning quakes ranged in magnitude from 2.9 to 3.2.

Residents in central Oklahoma have said they want to know whether the surge in earthquake activity in the region is caused by oil and gas drilling operations

48 kilometers) northeast of At a meeting with regula-Oklahoma City. The USGS tors and research geologists last month in Edmond, corded between 7:57 p.m. many urged regulators to ban or severely restrict the wells that are used to dispose of wastewater from drilling and that some scientists say could be linked to the quakes. Officials, meanwhile, are trying to

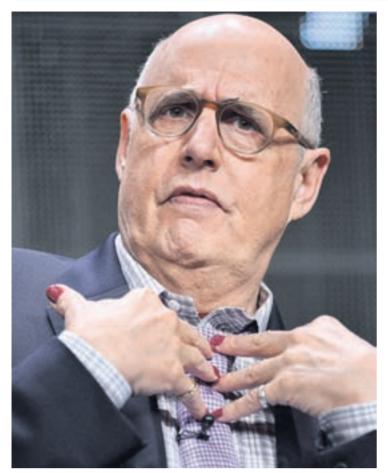
reconcile the scientific data with the interests of their citizens and the oil and gas industry.

Austin Holland, a research seismologist with the Oklahoma Geological Survey, said at the time that the state is experiencing unprecedented earthquake activity and his agency is closely monitoring it to determine whether the earthquakes are a natural phenomenon or are man-

Holland said the same drilling methods have been used in the state for years but that frequent earthquakes did not become a problem until after 2009.







Jeffrey Tambor speaks onstage during the "Transparent" panel at the Amazon 2014 Summer TCA on Saturday, July 12, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

Jeffrey Tambor as a man who is facing a big change

FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Having marked his 70th birthday earlier this week, Jeffrey Tambor is celebrating what he calls his most "transformative" role. The veteran actor plays a man who, late in life, acts on his long-suppressed need to be a woman.

The new transgender drama-comedy, "Transparent," premieres in late Sepof its first season on Ama- Delight."

zon Prime Instant Video. Tambor, well-known from the TV comedies "Arrested Development" and "The Larry Sanders Show," here has the dramatic challenge of portraying a man at a life-changing moment as he breaks the news to his

It's the story "of one parent who dies as a new parent is born," said series creator Jill Soloway, whose credits include "Six Feet Under" tember with all 10 episodes and the film "Afternoon

adult children.

NBC slots Red Nose Day benefit for next May

BEVERLY HILLS, California summer TV critics' tour. No (AP) — NBC wants viewers to start getting ready for Red Nose Day.

annually in Britain for a quarter-century-plus.

Set for next May,

integrated into regular programming and capped with a three-hour prime-time special, NBC announced Sunday at the U.S. version.

specific date for the all-day event was disclosed.

As in Britain, the NBC-led The network will be benefit will raise money importing to the U.S. this for charities both in the fundraising crusade that U.S. and around the world. has been a red-letter day. The special will include comedy and music, plus short films about the causes being addressed.

Red Nose Day will be The original Red Nose Day was created in 1985 by writer-director Richard Curtis, who will be an executive producer of the

Rachel Dratch stars in laugh-fest 'Tail!Spin!'

MARK KENNEDY AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Public servants who venture downtown this fall may leave blushing: A show that highlights four big political sex scandals is coming back.

"Tail! Spin!" — the hit of the 2012 New York International Fringe Festival — will begin performances on Sept. 18 at Culture Project starring "Saturday Night Live" alumna Rachel Dratch. Opening night is slated for Oct. 1.

The show skewers former Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, onetime New York Rep. Andrew Weiner, ex-Rep. Mark Foley from Florida, and former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford. All were ensnared in sex scandals and initially feigned innocence. The script — by Mario Correa, a co-host of Entertainment Weekly's daily "News & Notes" program on SiriusXM — uses only the public comments, tweets, statements, instant messages, e-mails, and text messages from the disgraced politicians.

"You see each of these



This Nov. 14, 2011 file photo shows actress Rachel Dratch at the "24 Hour Play" after-party at B.B. King Blues Club in New York. **Associated Press**

guys doing the same behavior," said Dratch. "It's like they can't resist. I don't know if some of them were always like this and they may have done these things no matter what job they had."

The former member of the famed Second City comedy troupe, Dratch was most recently onstage in "Love's Labour's Lost" at the Delacorte Theater as part of the Shakespeare in the Park summer program.

Dratch, who plays various wives, would-be lovers and Barbra Walters in "Tail! Spin!," said it's fun to get back to her hectic sketch comedy days. "I'm basically all the women," she said. The show, at the Culture Project's Lynn Redgrave Theatre on Bleecker Street will be directed by Tonynominee Dan Knechtges, who also helmed "Lysistrata Jones." Casting for the hubris-laden mal parts will be announced later.

Walken to play Captain Hook NBC's 'Peter Pan'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - NBC says Christopher Walken will play Captain Hook in the network's live version of "Peter Pan."

NBC Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt told a TV critics' meeting Sunday that the Oscarwinning actor will bring his own spin to the role.

Walken could create the first tap-dancing Captain Hook, Greenblatt said, noting the actor got his start in musical theater.

Walken is on the big screen now in Clint Eastwood's "Jersey Boys," playing a music-loving mob boss.

"Peter Pan Live!" is a follow-up to the success NBC found with a live version



This Oct. 1, 2012 file photo shows actor Christopher Walken at the premiere of "Seven Psychopaths" in Los Angeles. **Associated Press**

of "The Sound of Music" in 2013 with Carrie Underwood. Neil Meron and Craig Zadan, who produced The Sound of Music," are also working on "Peter Pan Live!"

Other casting has yet to be announced for the Dec. 4 musical.

Shakira: I thank World Cup for changing my life

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) -Preparing to perform at her third World Cup, pop star Shakira says she thanks football for changing her life.

Shakira says she "will never forget that I met the love of my life at the World Cup." She and Spain defender Gerard Pique met when promoting her 2010 World Cup anthem, "Waka Waka — Time for Africa," and the couple have an 18-monthold son.

Speaking ahead of Sunday's closing ceremony concert, Shakira says "if it wasn't for the World Cup

my son Milan would not be here." In Maracana Stadium before the Argentina vs. Germany final she will perform "La La La (Brazil 2014)" with Brazilian musi-



Colombian pop star singer Shakira poses for a photo during an interview in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, July 12, 2014.

Associated Press

cian Carlinhos Brown. Shakira says though Pique was affected by defending champion Spain's early exit, "I have a way of consoling him."

JWoww of 'Jersey Shore' welcomes daughter Meilani



In this May 29, 2014 file photo, Jenni "JWoww" Farley, left, and Roger Mathews attend WE tv's "Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars" party in New

Associated Press

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — JWoww from "Jersey Shore" is a mom.

MTV officials say Jenni Farley welcomed her first child, daughter Meilani Alexandra Mathews, early Sunday afternoon in New Jersey. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces (3.54 kilograms).

A representative for Farley says she and her daughter are doing well. The child's father is Farley's fiance, Roger Mathews.

The 28-year-old Farley rose to fame on the MTV reality series "Jersey Shore," which followed the boozy exploits of hard-partying 20-somethings at a beach house.

She went on to star in a spinoff show, "Snooki & JWoww," with her close friend and "Jersey Shore" cast mate, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi.



This undated publicity photo released by ABC shows Kerry Washington as Olivia Pope in a scene from "Scandal." Washington was nominated for an Emmy Award for best actress in a drama series on, Thursday July 10, 2014 but the show was not nominated for best drama series.

Associated Press

TV academy: A few snubs won't prompt Emmy changes

LYNN ELBER **AP Television Writer** BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — When the Emmy Award nominations for next

month's ceremony were unveiled, there was a glaring shortage of love for popular dramas "The Good Wife," "Scandal" and "The Blacklist."

Although some of those broadcast network shows received acting bids, all were snubbed in the best drama series category eclipsed by cable and online programs that typically produce far few episodes per season than the 22 or so hours cranked out by broadcasters.

Is it time for a rules change or two, such as separating longer- and shorter-run series into two categories or maybe expanding the number of drama and from six to 10?

Maybe, said the head of the TV academy, but it won't be because of criticism about this year's outcome, said Bruce Rosenblum, chairman and CEO of the Emmy organizing body.

The academy regularly reviews its rules and how they

fit with the changing TV universe and will continue to do so as a matter of course, he said.

But he defended the bids announced last week.

"We're in a golden age of television" that produces more worthy Emmy contenders from varied outlets, Rosenblum told a meeting of the Television Critics Association on Sunday. The Emmy voters who represent the TV industry did a "terrific job" of nominating the best shows, he added.

He noted that the number of drama and comedy submissions have risen sharply in the past five years and said that the possibility of category expansion is "on the list" for consideration.

Rosenblum also pressed about this year's "category-jumping" New Black," entered for best comedy series, as was "Shameless," about a highly dysfunctional family, which switched after failing to get traction in the past for top drama series honors. HBO's "True Detective," despite miniseries trappings

including a closed-ended story, is a best drama series nominee.

HBO and new players such as Netflix ("House of Cards," "Orange is the New Black") are producing shows and releasing them in ways that represent an "evolution" of the TV business, Rosenblum said.

Shows today are "unique and varying and don't fit into neatly defined boxes," he said.

Might that prompt the academy to introduce new categories? That's not the academy's goal, he re-

Don Mischer, executive producer of the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony hosted by Seth Meyers and airing Aug. 25 on NBC, said addina "more and more awards" is not the solution.

comedy series nominees some candidates. That As it is, veteran producer includes the dark, prison- Mischer has the challenge set series "Orange is the of fitting some two-dozen categories into a threehour show and keeping it lively. Previous efforts to cut the time devoted to less glamorous awards on the telecast, such as writina and directina, have run into stiff opposition from guilds.



The Rant Agenda



GAIL COLLINS
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So little time, so much bad behavior to complain about.

Congress is back! Thank heavens, because there's a crisis at the border, and the Highway Trust Fund is about to expire. Plus, the Export-Import Bank is teetering on the brink of disaster. (Days ago, we had no idea there was an Export-Import Bank, let alone what it did. Now we're just getting acquainted, and they want to rip it away.)

And, of course, a huge pile of normal stuff has piled up: hearings, meetings, appropriations bills, plots to destroy Obamacare. It's all a rush, given that Congress is scheduled to go on another fiveweek vacation beginning Aug. 1. So the House speaker, John Boehner, wants to get cracking on the matter of suing the president.

"The legislative branch has an obligation to defend the rights and responsibilities of the American people and America's constitutional balance of powers - before it is too late," Boehner said, in an op-ed article posted on the CNN website.

I believe I speak for us all when I respond - say what? According to Boehner's memo to Republican troops, the crisis that calls out for formal litigation involves "matters ranging from health care and energy to foreign policy and education." Also, the president acting with "king-like authority." People, have you been hanging around this country for the past couple of years? Have you noticed any king-like chief executives? When you make a list of the things you would like to see Congress do before they go back on vacation, how many of you put "curbing the effectiveness of the White House" on the top of the list?

Feel free to rant

"So sue me," said the president, when news of Boehner's alleged plan reached the White House. Remember when he first won the nomination by promising to end partisan gridlock? Do you think Hillary Clinton watches this stuff and laughs bitterly?

On Wednesday, the president arrived in Texas, the epicenter of the humanitarian crisis involving a flood of Central American children crossing the Mexican border. He was there for some previously scheduled fundraisers. Also feel free to rant about fundraisers

The situation is terrible. More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have crossed the border since

last fall. The administration is supposed to provide them with access to counsel and supervision by the Department of Health and Human Services while they're taken through the required legal channels. There's a two-year waiting list to see an immigration judge.

Part of the backlog is because of a law passed at the end of the George W. Bush administration. We are not going to complain about this law, since it was aimed at combating child sex trafficking. If you're going to rant about George W. Bush, you should really focus on the invasion of Iraq and the ruining of the economy. President Barack Obama has asked for \$3.7 billion to take care of the children and hire more people to process the cases. Speaker Boehner countered that the president should call out the National Guard. That should be extremely helpful in discouraging the flood of young, desperate immigrants, who almost invariably throw themselves into the arms of the first American uniform they

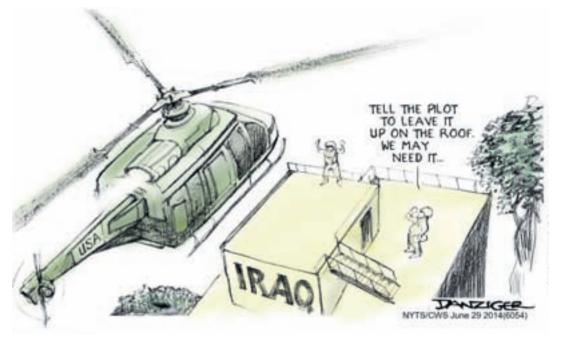
The House chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Bob Goodlatte, called the president's request for money a "slap in the face to the taxpayers of the United States." However, he did suggest that he might be able to maybe perhaps do something about fixing the current law. This was during a brief interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer, in which Goodlatte used the word "tweak" three times.

Boehner and the House Republicans do not appear to feel any compunction to revisit the Senate's bipartisan immigration reform bill. Or to take any responsibility for the current crisis. Since, you know, Obama has plenty of power and he should just use it and leave Congress alone.

In Texas, the president met with Gov. Rick Perry, who has complained about the issue of children at the border. He has also suggested that the whole thing might be an Obama plot. ("... I hate to be conspiratorial, but, I mean, how do you move that many people from Central America, across Mexico, into the United States without there being a fairly coordinated effort?")

Feel free to rant about Rick Perry. Meanwhile, Sarah Palin announced that Congress should respond to the desperate humanitarian situation by - yes! - impeaching Obama. Boehner, she said dismissively, was trying to bring a "lawsuit to a gunfight." Always charming the way Palin brings guns into the political debate.

Actually, if the impeachment idea caught on it would be the best possible thing for the White House. Modern history suggests there is nothing the American public hates more than Congress trying to impeach the president. Except maybe a Congress trying to sue the president. And then leaving for vacation.



Silicon Valley Sharknado



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WASHINGTON - Mostly, this July, I'm worrying about the jumping sharks jumping the shark.

But Syfy's "Sharknado 2" trailer, this one about a shark storm hitting Manhattan, just went up and features chain saws buzzing, the Statue of Liberty's severed head whizzing, Tara Reid kvetching and Robert Klein barking "This is the Big Apple! Something bites us; we bite back!"

So things look pretty promising. That leaves me free to worry about rampaging robots.

And I'm not the only one.

In a recent interview with CNBC, Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla Motors and Space X, which hopes to rocket us to other planets, said he invests in artificial intelligence companies not to make money but to "keep an eye" on them in case of "scary outcomes," like a "Terminator" scenario of psychopathic robots that could chase us off the Earth and up to Mars. (Interpolation: How has Elon Musk not invented his own fragrance?)

In "Terminator," Musk said, the humans who created the replicants did not expect the machines to turn evil.

"It is sort of like that Monty Python thing: 'Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition,'" the 43-year-old inventor and mogul said, warning: "But you've got to be careful."

Silicon Valley brains have been predicting that robots will usher in a radically superior world.

Ray Kurzweil, Google's 66-yearold director of engineering, is running a Manhattan project to push A.I. to match human intelligence by 2029 and achieve his vision of "the singularity" - the moment when computers overtake human brains - by 2045. The robots will even be able to flirt, he says, and, unlike Siri and Scarlett Johansson in "Her," they can easily have a curvy virtual form and be "lovable."

Computers will be able to read every word on the Web and every book ever written and offer up matching patterns.

IBM's Watson has read 200 million Wikipedia pages, Kurzweil told The Observer of London, but "it doesn't understand that if John sold his red Volvo to Mary that involves a transaction or possession and ownership being transferred." So Kurzweil and Google will try to encode that information to "really try to teach it to understand the meaning of what these documents are saying."

Because I come from a family of Irish maids, I'm not looking forward to servitude under my iPhone.

And Kurzweil should be more worried that he'll suffer the fate of genetic designer J.F. Sebastian in "Blade Runner," who is killed by his replicants after telling them, "There's a part of me in you."

Vinod Khosla, the Sun Microsystems co-founder, has predicted that algorithms and machines will replace 80 percent of doctors in years to come, making medicine more data driven and less like "witchcraft."

In a rare joint interview last week with Khosla at his Silicon Valley summit, Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page talked about their A.I. hopes.

"You should presume that someday," Brin said, "we will be able to make machines that can reason, think and do things better than we can."

They have always been interested in robots - they named their operating system Android - and are running "the brain project," described by Brin as "really machine-learning focused." In January, they acquired the British A.I. developer DeepMind, co-founded by Demis Hassabis, a game designer, neuroscientist and for-

mer child chess prodigy.

They know people could be thrown out of work. As Page said, "90 percent of people used to be farmers," so "it's not surprising."

Page predicted a "time of abundance," when human needs could be more easily met and people would "have more time with their family or to pursue their own interests."

Of course, when we get more free time, we'll simply spend it staring at our iPads, so all roads lead back to Big Brother.

Jaron Lanier, the computer genius and author of "Who Owns the Future?," dryly notes that our looming overlords may not be robots but the Google founders. "The only person with a secure job will be Larry Page," he laughingly told me. "He owns the damn cloud computer."

He said that, despite a fantasy that dates from the mid-20th century, nobody has yet figured out how to make a robot that can think for itself.

"In a way, it's not being honest," he said. "We're still pretending that we're inventing a brain when all we've come up with is a giant mashup of real brains. We don't yet understand how brains work so we can't build one."

When machines translate from one language to another, they are leeching from live translators, taking matching phrases from aggregated data. If tech companies could gather similar data on doctors, that information could theoretically be matched up to make a simulated doctor. "People are unwittingly feeding information into the cloud for automated services, which they're not being paid for," Lanier said.

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"I don't like pretending that humans are becoming buggy whips. You have this fantasy that it's machines doing it without people helping. We are throwing people out of work based on a fantasy."

In a digital update of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," Silicon Valley is siphoning and pilfering human intelligence to feed Mr. Roboto to replace us. That's the scary bravado of real sharks.



In Going Home, James May Be Ending an Exile From Himself

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Forgiveness is not one of my strong suits, so the idea that LeBron James would go back to Cleveland was unfathomable, even with Miami's limitations.

On the other hand, post-Donald Sterling, I have become an enthusiastic advocate of players wringing every nickel out of ownership. No givebacks, no pay cuts. In that respect, I was pleased to see Carmelo Anthony make Phil Jackson and the Knicks sweat before agreeing to return for a fat contract.

But while Anthony's decision was no doubt determined largely by dollars, James' decision to return to Cleveland is an intriguing, emotional gambit. James is either coldly pragmatic or more of an altruist than I could have imagined.

The images from 2010 are still emblazoned in my mind: Cleveland fans burning James' replica jersey just because he was leaving for a better opportunity in Miami. Nationally televised images of James' likeness being torn down and dumped in garbage cans.

The so-called leader of the franchise, Dan Gilbert, the Cavaliers' owner, fanned the flames and played to the crowd by writing a scathing letter publicly disparaging James as "our former hero" and describing his move as a "cowardly betrayal."

James, in his statement on Sports Illustrated's website, implied that forgiveness and understanding formed the basis of his decision to return to Ohio.

"It was easy to say, 'OK, I don't want to deal with these people ever again,'" he said. "But then you think about the other side. What if I were a kid who looked up to an athlete, and that athlete made me want to do better in my own life, and then he left? How would I react?"

James said he and Gilbert met "face-to-face, manto-man."

"We've talked it out,"

James said. "Everybody makes mistakes. I've made mistakes as well. Who am I to hold a grudge?"

On Friday, I reached out to William Cutter, a professor of literature and human relations at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. How heavily did he think forgiveness figured into James' decision? We met about three years ago and often debate the theological and philosophical underpinnings of sports. In the case of Gilbert and James, Cutter said that forgiveness was a two-way street.

"A piece of forgiveness in the classic Jewish tradition is forgiving the person, and in exile. You can be in exile even if geographically you're not in exile."

Of all the rationales for James' homecoming, a sense of feeling exiled seems plausible. As much as I was convinced that James would stay in Miami - for the milder climate, for what appeared to be a more upscale, high-profile lifestyle - there never was a sense that he was of Miami.

"You can be in exile from yourself," Cutter said.

In this case LeBron could say, "I felt in exile."

The Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, the pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New Hall under P.J. Carlesimo, an assistant at Vermont, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Kansas and Mississippi State; head coach at Central Connecticut State and Hunter College; and associate coach at Fordham. By no stretch of the imagination could he be called romantic or sentimental when it comes to the business of basketball.

Yet Brown said he was moved by James' letter, especially the part when James said: "I feel my calling here goes above basketball. My presence can make a difference in Miami, but I think it can mean more where I'm from. I

who can and does make a difference in the lives of his people.'"

Brown acknowledged that James may simply have expressed those sentiments "to make it easier to leave Miami."

"But if just a shred of what he said was honest and from the heart," Brown added, "he now joins Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, Jim Brown, Muhammad Ali, Bill Russell and Oscar Robertson in a class of black athletes who understood their responsibility to their people and their communities."

Time will tell.

Time will tell whether James was sincere, whether Gilbert is repentant and whether Cleveland fans appreciate the significance of James' return, above and beyond the championship he may or may not bring.

"For today," Brown said, "he elevated himself to the pantheon of athletes who understand that it's not just about how many shoes you sell or endorsements you have. It's about how many people you help, how many lives you change, and the hope you give people."

And while Anthony didn't give Knicks fans hope, just assurances that the ship won't be sinking, there is plenty of hope and good will in Cleveland at the moment.

It's summertime. There's dancing in the street. Many of the dancers are the same ones who burned James' jersey and cheered Gilbert's letter. They will be the ones throwing darts at James if Cleveland isn't in the NBA finals in two to three seasons.

For the time being, though, spirits are high and optimism is soaring, almost as if the events of 2010 never happened.

The Cavaliers will spend a small fortune to bring back their prodigal son. Cleveland is eager to make him a hero.

This may be an instance where it's best for everyone to forgive and, more important, to forget.



Fans gather outside Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland to celebrate the return of LeBron James to play for the Cavaliers. James, in his as-told-to statement on Sports Illustrated's website, implied that forgiveness and understanding were the basis of his decision to return to Ohio.

(Dustin Franz/The New York Times)

the person joining the act by an act of repentance," he said. "Not only repentance, but pledging not to do it again."

Was giving James a big contract Gilbert's version of repentance?

"I'm wondering if this isn't just what James Burns of Williams College once called transactional," Cutter said. "Is there anything spiritual in this, or is it purely transactional?"

Cutter did allow for the complexity of James' situation.

"I think often people have mixed motives," he said. "Yes, there's more money; yes, he is from Cleveland; and yes, he may have felt York, compared James' departure and return to the New Testament story of the prodigal son.

"He set out to achieve something, made a radical break at home," Butts said of James. "People were angry and hurt. He won his rings, but maybe there was something missing in his life. He didn't find it in Miami, not in LA, not in New York. He said, 'I have to go back home,' and they welcome him with open arms."

One of the most surprising responses to James' return to Cleveland came from my longtime friend Mike Brown, who has deep roots in coaching. Brown was an assistant coach at Seton

want kids in Northeast Ohio, like the hundreds of Akron third-graders I sponsor through my foundation, to realize that there's no better place to grow up. Maybe some of them will come home after college and start a family or open a business. That would make me smile. Our community, which has struggled so much, needs all the talent it can get."

Brown said James' statement "brought tears to my eyes."

"I was overwhelmed," he said. "I thought to myself: 'Finally a black athlete who gets it. Finally a black athlete who is taking responsibility for being someone